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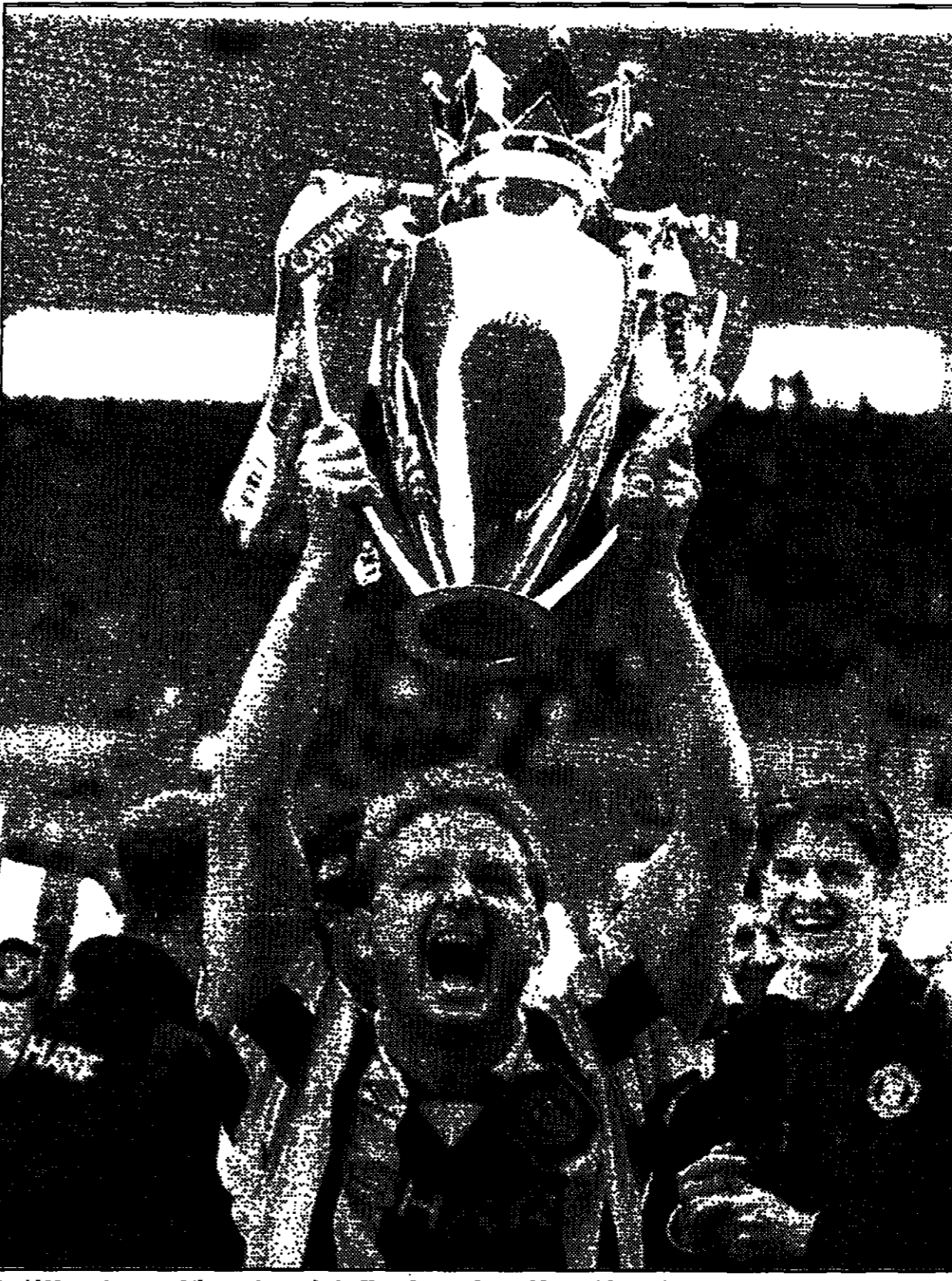
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in a paper on welfare-to-work which the social security spokesman hopes to publish in two or three weeks time.

11th-hour attempt to dilute or head off the commitment, Mr Smith is said by close sources to be 'absolutely determined'.

Game of two halves: Soccer season ends in joy and gloom for Manchester



United won City nil

John Duncan Sports Correspondent

MANCHESTER was a city divided last night as United were crowned Premier League champions while City were relegated to the First Division.

David May, who opened the scoring early for United yesterday, holds the title trophy aloft. PHOTOGRAPH LAURENCE GRIFFITHS

Handyman brings home the Bacon for art sleuths

Charlie English

IT WAS like a scene from an Agatha Christie novel. Twelve experts were based to a warehouse in a secret London location to solve one of the great mysteries of the art world.

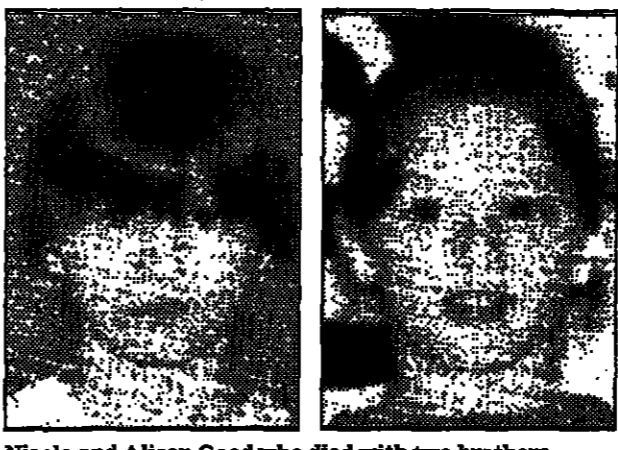
The attribution of the self-portrait created a storm in the art world after its existence was revealed in February. Brian Sewell, in the London Evening Standard, and Richard Cork, in the Times, asserted that it was a genuine early Bacon, while art historian Richard Stone argued that it could not be.

scavengers the possibility of re-using them from the dustbin and selling them. The paintings fell into H's possession after the two friends went drinking together one evening in 1982.

Four children killed in suspected arson attack

Alex Bellor

FOUR children under the age of 13 died after a suspected arson attack on a house in Southampton early yesterday.



Nicola and Alison Good who died with two brothers

blazing house shouting 'Burn, you bastards, burn.' Hampshire police spokesman Richard Horribin said: 'We are so concerned about the circumstances surrounding this incident that we are treating it as suspicious at the moment.'

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# It's my socialist party and I'll try if I want to

Labour's former Awkward Squad is out of Tony Blair's hair for ever: under the leadership of Arthur Scargill. Membership is rising fast, but the old habits die hard

## Monday sketch



Matthew Engel

**T**HIS was the fulfilment of a dream. At long last, a new political party of the left? Strong men had awaited this day for generations — not the people who were ever going to join, you understand, but the leaders of the Labour Party desperately keen to get rid of the ones who would.

Now the Awkward Squad sat in a North London conference hall, at the feet of Arthur Scargill, proclaiming allegiance to the Socialist Labour Party, and out of Labour's hair forever. Arthur, Tony could have hugged you — just like Margaret, all those years ago. By its own lights, Socialist Labour had a successful launch conference on Saturday. The hall was almost full. Debate was well ordered. After an uneasy start, Mr

Scargill, the party's president and thus far its only well-known member, hit top oratorical form.

Total membership is 1,152 and climbing fast, including a councillor in Greenwich. And, freed from the old pressures from leaders who considered them loony, all of them were able to say whatever they wanted.

The effect was exquisitely ironic. The president had to sit on the platform, looking as serene as possible, while his own leftwingers — the Very Awkward Squad — tried to amend the party's initial policy documents.

Mr Scargill proposed the economic policy, which merely wanted to end capitalism. Before the party was an hour old, one speaker cried: "Send this motion back into the Fabian bog it crawled out of!"

A comrade from Cheshire demanded that the party explain to the working class its revolutionary destiny. One from Leicester wanted to "smash the bureaucratic and military apparatus of the state through revolutionary struggle".

Suddenly, it was Mr Scargill who had to play the role previously assigned to Labour leaders opposing the likes of him. He was "saddened" by the criticisms. It was "absolutely



Arthur Scargill, left, presides at the launch conference of his Socialist Labour Party in Camden, London

irresponsible" to talk about armed struggle. The policies had to be "relevant" and "meaningful", he said, "it's no good going to Liverpool docks and telling them what a revolutionary said in 1917."

The platform won, as it did all day. The members will allow Mr Scargill to get rid of the capitalists his way. They

also stifled proposals to make housework mandatory for men (a possible vote-winner, this, but with interesting implications for law enforcement) and abolish all immigration controls.

This was defeated, very narrowly, partly after pro-platform speakers pointed out that it might mean letting in

fascists and white South Africans. It is not entirely clear that white South Africans would be flocking to a Scargillite Britain, but those who fear that such a government would be Stalinist in practice can, I think, be reassured. It would not be that efficient.

The conference — due to start at 10am or 11am, depend-

ing on which message you got — began at 11.25, the afternoon session, scheduled for 1.45pm, started at 2.05pm. There were 26 documents to discuss; they ranged from trivial subjects like the British constitution which will have to be considered by the membership next May, presumably after the general election.

In the meantime, the party's new national executive committee will take charge of these questions. It was touching throughout to see how everyone kept hold of the Labour Party's forms and formulae while hurling down anathemas on it. The day was replete with attempted references back; and the party has a new Clause IV (4) lovingly rebuilt to resemble the original. This is a party of ex-lovers, spurred but still obsessed.

The loudest cheer of the day was for the fraternal delegate from Cuba. He must have felt at home in the Camden Centre, an art deco hall in need of someone willing to give it a lick of paint, put the clock right and unblock the lavatories. He may also have recognised much of Socialist Labour's programme.

This does involve a certain amount of public expenditure: huge pay rises for the deserving; voluntary retirement on full pay at 55; pensions to be doubled within 12 months; a million new homes every year; all closed hospitals to be opened etc etc.

These are policies that used to be known as millenarian. However, now the millenium is approaching faster than the policies, the word is no longer very helpful.

It was as if he had returned to his own personal reworking of Kipling that characterised his handling of the great strike: "If you can meet with triumph and disaster/And never quite work out just which is which."

But he may be a little concerned about his left flank. So, in a comradely spirit, I offer some advice on how to isolate them and attract more mainstream support. Why not make the banner a little less scarlet and go for something more pastel-shaded? Why not a red rose emblem instead? That would be nice. A little less socialism and a few more grins all round, maybe? I am only trying to be helpful. It has worked for other parties, you know.



Police and forensic officers conduct a search outside the fire-damaged house at Sholing, Southampton, in which four children died early yesterday

## Four children killed in suspected arson attack on home

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Another neighbour, Chris Horn, aged 32, rushed to the front door of the blazing house after hearing the children's screams.

He kicked the door and as the glass fell out flames ripped through, making him

diverge out of the way. Mr Horn said: "Mr Good was in the back garden dressed in just his underwear. He was desperate to get back into the house. It was just a horrendous fireball, smoke and flames everywhere. He kept saying 'I must go back in.'"

held him with both arms and just told him it would be suicide. No one could have gone back into that blaze without killing themselves."

The three survivors were taken to Southampton General Hospital. Kelly was then transferred to the burns unit

at Odstock Hospital in Salisbury. She was last night being comforted by Melvyn, a building worker, Bev and an 18-year-old sister who lives away from home.

Police appealed for anyone with information to contact them on 01703 581111.

## Chaplin score pulls the heartstrings

### Review

#### Jonathan Romney

**Chaplin: The Kid**  
The Dome, Brighton Festival

**I**N OTHER fields of endeavour, they commemorate history by erecting statues, in film, they bring on Carl Davis. This year's Century of Cinema celebrations could have been devised expressly to give Davis's baton an airing, and he has two commissions for this year's Brighton Festival. Tonight he conducts his score for a compilation by the Hove

Pioneers who ran a film studio in Hove at the turn of the century.

Saturday's performance was more familiar fare, a live accompaniment to Charlie Chaplin's 1921 six-reeler *The Kid*. Over the last decade and a half, since Abel Gance's *Napoleon* rode again, we have become used to live orchestral accompaniment as the realm of epic cinema. It also sits well with the extravagant comic imaginations of Buster Keaton and Harold Lloyd, but it does not entirely work with Chaplin's more intimate, lyrical slapstick. The film and the music somehow underline each other's conventional aspects. Davis had restored Chaplin's score,

which was melodically not quite in the league of his still hummable hit, *Son of a Gun*.

Mainly it seemed to underline a series of moods — debonnaire, manic, lachrymose — that are largely what we associate with Chaplin. The combination reminded you how much he remained the Victorian, indebted to the heart-rugging traditions of music hall and melodrama. *The Kid* was every inch a poorhouse romance. You could see it in the written intertitles — "Charity — to some a duty, to others a joy!" — and in the outrageous playing to the gallery of four-year-old Jackie Coogan as the founding. The French horns pumped ominously as orphan-

age inspectors flung the wair aboard their truck, and he wrings his fists piteously at the heavens, those saucer eyes pleading beneath his Buster Brown bob.

With the kid around there is less coy eyelid-flapping from Chaplin than in most of his films. *The Kid* is also less laden with comic business than his earlier shorts, and the most brilliant comic moments are underplayed.

If you incline to Keaton's more saturnine mania, it all looks a little hollow. Still, *The Kid* does feature something I have always wanted to see in action — a pair of those gloves with three lines on the back, that I thought only existed in Mickey Mouse cartoons.

## Fears grow that nervous Yeltsin may delay ballot

David Hearn in Moscow and Martin Walker in Washington

**A**LARM bells for the fate of Russian democracy were ringing at the White House and in Western European capitals yesterday, amid growing fears that President Boris Yeltsin might postpone next month's presidential election rather than risk defeat.

Gennady Zyuganov, the Russian Communist leader and front-runner in the race, yesterday warned that the vote was at risk, after Mr Yeltsin's influential bodyguard said he favoured postponement.

return to Russian autocracy under Mr Yeltsin. Either outcome would spell the end of Russia's first democratic experiment since 1917.

Fearing the kind of setback that could undermine his own re-election hopes, President Clinton has rallied other Western leaders to go far beyond the usual rules of neutrality to support Mr Yeltsin.

Mr Clinton and other Western leaders at the G7 nuclear summit in Moscow last month made it clear to Mr Yeltsin that the poll must go ahead on June 16. But they made their support for the Russian president clear with a \$9.5 billion (£3.3 billion) credit through the International Monetary Fund.

civilised expression of people's will is impossible".

Mr Yeltsin has over the past month frequently vowed to hold the election, whose first round is only six weeks away, and to defeat Mr Zyuganov. His campaign, and that of the state television channels, has been largely based on trying to frighten voters about the dangers of a return of the Communists, whom he claims would take away privatised flats, kiosks, and large businesses.

Mr Yeltsin assured the Western leaders last month that he would win the election comfortably. Many Russian analysts in the West believe him, only because the ballot boxes will be controlled by the provincial governors, whose autonomy would be at risk if the Communists won.

There are influential factors working against the Kozhakov line. One is the question of how loyal the armed forces, particularly in Russia's poor and pro-Communist provinces, would be to a call from Moscow to postpone the election.

## Nobel poet faces sex harassment US lawsuit

Martin Walker in Washington

**B**OSTON University is to sack its star professor, the Nobel prize-winning poet Derek Walcott, and become his co-defendant in a sexual harassment trial instituted by a female former student.

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'I hope and pray they look after him' — English widow Salome Stopford, above with one of her three daughters at Heathrow. In four years with Mrs Stopford, Sifiso lost the ability to speak his native language, did well at school and learned to love life in London



'Look what is on my face' — beaming father Charles Mahlangu, above, with his son on his return. But after a visit to his real parents last year Sifiso fears he may have to sleep in the same bed as his mother and sister, bathe in a bucket and use an outside toilet

# Zulu boy forced to leave 'white mum'

### Two-year battle in British courts ends with 10-year-old sent home to natural parents in South Africa

David Beresford in Johannesburg and Alex Bellis

**A** TRAUMATIC, trans-global tug-of-war between a Zulu father and an English widow came to an end yesterday when an ecstatic Charles Mahlangu welcomed his 10-year-old son back to South Africa from Britain.

"Look what is on my face," said the beaming Zulu driv-

ing instructor when he was asked whether he was happy at the outcome of the celebrated, two-year battle through the British courts for his son, Sifiso.

But the boy was still clearly traumatised by his departure from Britain, which was delayed on Friday night when he was taken off a British Airways flight, crying for his would-be adoptive mother: "I don't want to leave mummy."

Sifiso Mahlangu finally left Heathrow on Saturday night watched by a weeping Salome

Stopford, aged 50, who had unsuccessfully attempted to adopt him after bringing him to Britain in 1992, ostensibly to further his education. "I hope and pray they look after him," she cried.

It emerged yesterday that in a last-ditch attempt to stay in Britain, Sifiso had written a note to the Queen, saying: "Dear Her Majesty, I want to stay here with my white mum. Can you please help me because no one else will help me. Everyone seems to be against me and my Mum. I want to stay here with my family. I am happy here."

Sifiso arrived in South Africa early yesterday morning with his mother, Selma Mahlangu, aged 30, who used to work as Mrs Stopford's maid

there. The mother and son were immediately escorted through a side entrance past waiting journalists to a house in the industrial town of Braampan, east of Johannesburg.

The "rights" to the Mahlangu family's story have been secured by a South African magazine, Fair Lady, which has helped them with their custody battle in Britain.

The editor of Fair Lady, Roz Wrottesley, said from her home in Cape Town yesterday that the magazine's financial support had been limited to a contribution to the costs of flying the Mahlangu parents to Britain for the initial court hearing last year. "They have had no cash from us whatsoever," Ms Wrottesley strongly defended the Mahlangu corner in the custody case, dismissing arguments that the boy would have had a better life in Britain as "racist and materialist."

"They have never, at any time, contemplated adoption. Their desire to have their son back has been absolutely unflagging."

She pointed out that Mrs Stopford had relied on the dole to bring up Sifiso in Britain. By contrast, his own parents were able to support him themselves. "They are not destitute by any means. They are working people," she said. "This is a country of opportunity now. It is not as if he has been brought back to an apartheid South Africa."

Even if South Africa offers more opportunities than it did before, Sifiso's home life will not be as comfortable as it has been for the last four years in London.

He visited his real parents last year and said: "They live in one room and I had to sleep in the same bed as my mother and sister, while my father slept on the floor. I had to bathe in a bucket and use an outside toilet."

This is a far cry from life in Maida Vale, north-west London, where he has lived in a four-bedroomed apartment with Mrs Stopford and her three daughters.

Although he was brought up speaking Zulu, the only language in which his biological mother is proficient, he

soon lost the ability to speak it. English became his main language and he did well at school, reportedly winning an assisted place at a public school. "He would have done well there. He is a bright boy for his age," said Mrs Stopford.

One friend told reporters: "He's like any other English kid. He doesn't speak Zulu or Afrikaans. He is a well-behaved boy who never gets into trouble."

The case is due to be reconsidered by the European courts next week, but Mrs Stopford said she was uncertain what would happen if they ruled against the British courts' decision now. Sifiso was back in South Africa.



Sifiso with his sister Zinable after arriving in South Africa

## Major turns to Saatchi for electoral lift

### Tory relaunch must contend with revival of sleaze factor

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspondent

**A** £500,000 advertising campaign devised by Maurice Saatchi will begin in the next two weeks to relaunch the Conservative Party and back up Mr Major's defiant pledge that he will win the general election.

The glitzy relaunch must contend with the final report into the "homes for votes" scandal at the Tory-controlled Westminster council, which will be published on Thursday, and reaction to tomorrow's new-style Register of Members' Interests, from

which up to 30 Tory MPs have withheld full details of their outside earnings.

The advertising campaign will promote the theme that there is "no [economic] gain without pain" on 1,000 poster sites and in newspaper advertisements.

Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, will tomorrow publish plans to help the elderly protect savings and family homes should they go into long-term care.

ers can be forced to sell their homes to pay for nursing home fees.

The proposals are aimed at defusing growing anger among old people and their families in middle class Britain — the centre ground for the general election battle. Consultation will end this summer, and it is hoped to put the new plans in place next year.

But the initiative will be overshadowed by the new Register of MPs' Interests — the first to be published under rules agreed after the Nolan committee report on sleaze. About 30 Tory MPs — including former premier Ted Heath and ex-minister David Mellor — are understood to have disclosed contracts but not remuneration because it does not relate to parliament-

ary duties.

On Thursday, in a final report, the district auditor John Magill will confirm his findings that Westminster council was guilty of vote-rigging, expelling homeless families and shutting up empty homes to keep out potential Labour supporters.

Mr Major's attempts to unite his warring party behind him seemed doomed to failure even at cabinet level yesterday, as Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, and Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, refused to be drawn on whether they agreed with Chancellor Kenneth Clarke's view that economic and monetary union posed no threat to the nation state.

Mr Heseltine issued a blunt warning to Eurosceptics that

party in-fighting could open the door of 10 Downing Street to Tony Blair, as Teresa Gorman said she was planning to introduce a backbench bill allowing for a referendum on whether Britain should stay in the European Union.

Mr Heseltine told BBC TV's On the Record: "What are Conservatives trying to achieve in giving the appearance of disunity within the Conservative Party?"

"I know what they're likely to achieve and that is to open the door to No. 10 Downing Street to Tony Blair."

Dr Mawhinney played down the Tories' divisions, insisting that the general election would be fought on the differences between the parties.

Christopher Reed in Los Angeles

**T**HE transition of Kody "Monster" Scott from a "gangsta in the hood" to a Hollywood celebrity has been interrupted by his disappearance following a police drugs raid on his home.

Mr Scott, whose book about his life in the Eight-Tray Gangster Crips in Los Angeles sold 100,000 copies and brought him a six-figure fortune, has gone to ground — violating his prison parole — as the book is being made into a Hollywood film. But the author telephones the film's director, Antoine Fuqua, almost daily to talk about the project. At the weekend the Los

Angeles Times published an interview with Mr Scott.

In his book, he wrote about starting gang life aged 11, and various shootings of rival gang members. He earned his nickname after he beat a man so badly that police termed it the act of a monster.

He was shot six times and became an "OG" — "original gangsta" — revered by the young blacks whose criminality became an international curiosity after the 1991 Oscar-nominated movie, Boyz n' the Hood.

On his parole from prison last September, after serving four years for armed robbery, assault and possession of an AK-47, Mr Scott returned home a rich man as a result of the book. But in March, police

burst into his home, claiming that a small amount of cannabis had been found in his car. Mr Scott tested negative and nothing was found on the premises.

"I transformed my criminal mentality into a revolutionary one, wrote a book, co-operated with the government for the first time by paying taxes, and ... they make me jump through hoops when I actually did something successful and legal with my life," Mr Scott complained.

He claims police attacked him when he refused to be arrested. Soon after the raid he vanished, saying: "If they come and pounce on me I'll fight back ... I want to live like the next person, but I'll be damned if I'll live on my knees."

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A hut starts to take shape at the sustainable village



'We desperately need to use the vast areas of derelict land in our cities to house the homeless, to relieve urban bleakness and to take the pressure off the countryside'

— George Monbiot (left)

## Protesters dig in at derelict site to create ecovillage on Thames



A protester helping to build a shelter at the Wandsworth site yesterday

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Alex Bellis

LONDON'S Thames-side skyline was augmented by the unusual profiles of a geodesic dome and three Mongolian yurts yesterday as a group of ecologists built a village on a derelict site to protest about land use.

In one of the most talked-about direct-action campaigns of the decade, about 500 people entered the grounds of a former distillery in Wandsworth, south London, and started building homes and farming the land.

The organisers, The Land Is Ours, hope to show that by creating a sustainable village with low-cost housing, derelict sites can be put to good use. A spokesman, George Monbiot, said: "Our role is constructive, peaceful and positive, and our purpose here is to make development work for us, not against us."

"Development in Britain has done a lot for the big developers, but very little for those who need it most. We desperately need to use the vast areas of derelict land in our cities to house the homeless, to relieve urban bleakness, and to take the pressure off the countryside."

The 13 acres of prime real estate is owned by Guinness, which acquired the land when it took over Distillers. The site had contained a gin distillery but that was demolished in 1990.

Police decided the matter was a civil one between Guinness and the campaigners, who are, in effect, squatting on the land. Inspector George Porter, of Battersea police station, said: "We will notify the owners of the land and it is down to them. At the moment the position is — let them [the protesters] get on with it."

The day started at a meeting in Shepherd's Bush, west London, where people had been urged to turn up with gardening and carpentry tools. Three full coaches drove off to the site, which was only revealed once the convoy had crossed the Thames.

A lorry containing tyres, pallets, tarpaulins, and scaffolding was unloaded, and the crowd divided into separate groups responsible for areas including compost toilets, the geodesic dome, and kitchens.

The first building up was a yurt, a wooden Mongolian hut, built by architect Anja Brinkmann, aged 28. She said: "The yurt is very economic with materials and its size can be changed easily."

Many of the campaigners will live on the site for a week. Events like storytelling, circus stunts, acoustic music and painting have been planned. It is hoped that some people will stay on.

Mr Monbiot hoped that Guinness would look positively on the village, as it was a company with a good environmental reputation. "We feel that if they respond positively to this they can boost their public image, and we can come to an agreement that will suit both parties."

Guinness said a decision would be made after the bank holiday. "Safeway wanted to put a supermarket there and we also planned housing and riverside walks, but the council turned us down on the grounds there are enough supermarkets already. We shall be appealing on June 4 against that decision. No one could have tried harder than Guinness to redevelop this site."

Campaigners leafleted the roads nearby with information about the sustainable village.

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### Pills quiz over party death of policeman's daughter

A SENIOR policeman's daughter died early yesterday at an all-night party where tablets were handed out among the guests.

Police have started an investigation, and a toxicology report is being drawn up after the death of Claire Pierce, aged 20, daughter of Superintendent Roy Pierce, a member of Nottingham police for more than 25 years.

Guests who found Ms Pierce lying on a settee during the party at a house in Meden Vale, near Mansfield, at first thought she was asleep. But one then felt her hand and found it was ice-cold. An ambulance was called and a police doctor certified her dead.

Yesterday Superintendent Mick Salt, of Nottingham police, said: "The partygoers had been drinking alcohol and some tablets had been circulated, but at this stage we don't know what type they were."

"We are interviewing the 15 people who were in the house but there may be others we have to see. There is no sug-



Claire Pierce... found dead at all-night party

gestion at this stage that it is a criminal inquiry, and no one has been arrested."

Mr Salt, who said the party was not a rave, added that Ms Pierce — who had just won a place as a student nurse at a Leeds hospital — "was a very nice, pleasant young lady who was no problem to her family".

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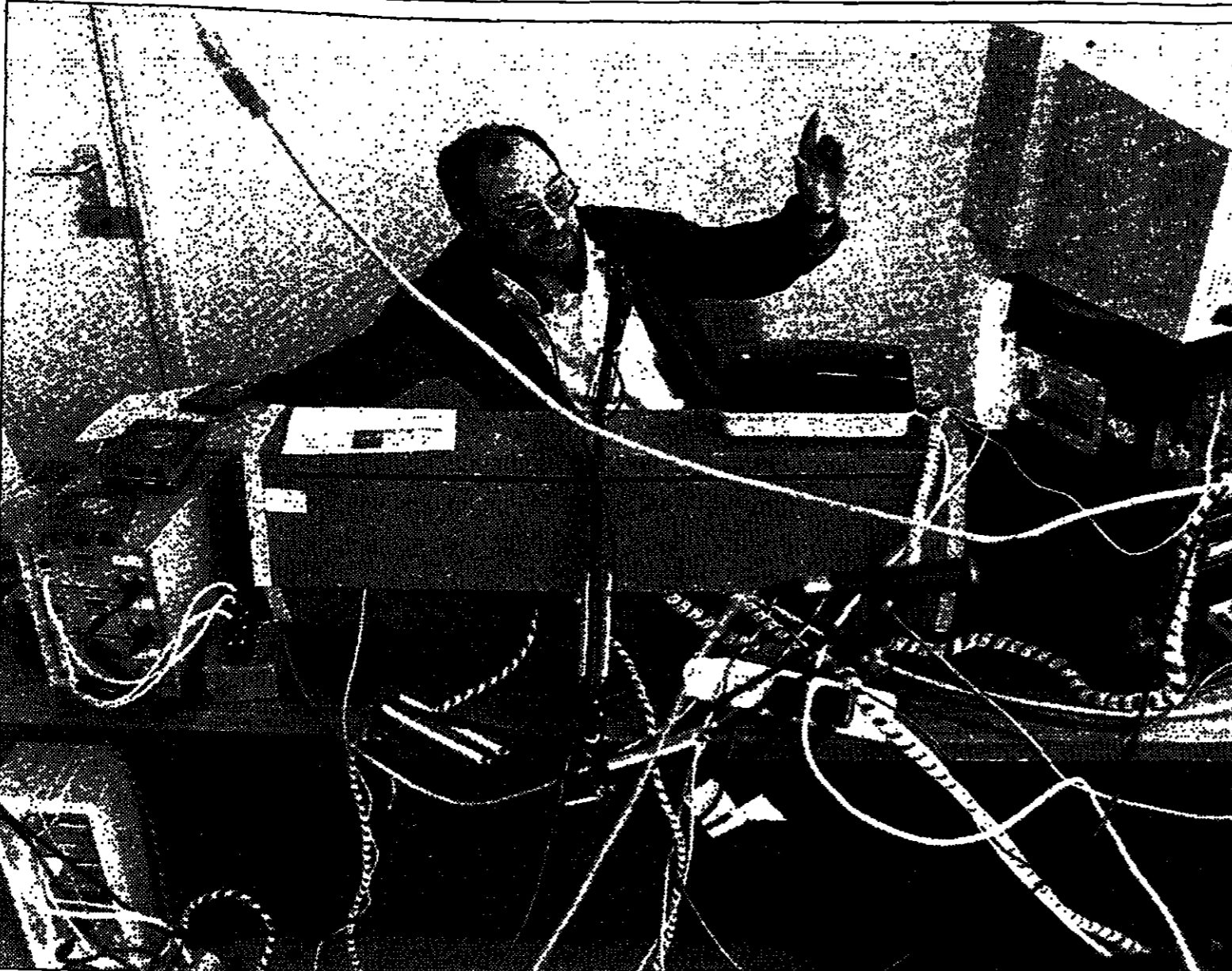
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Producer Paul Usiskin in the north London studios of Shalom, 'radio made by Jews for Jews'

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# Shalom broadcasts message of Jewish unity

### Anne Karpf on the launching of a radio station dedicated to filling a minority gap

"SHALOM," said the man who answered the phone, not in greeting, but simply announcing the name of the radio station. Shalom 87.7 FM, Britain's first all-Jewish station, was launched yesterday morning. It will broadcast to north London for 28 days from a North Finchley shopping centre under a restrictive services licence.

sympathetic "bubba" (granny figure) will attempt to do on-air what Jewish grandmothers have for centuries done off-air - marry off the young. Advertisers include Schleppey, a Jewish removal company which specialises in helping people emigrating to Israel, and Geddi, a firm in Pottery Bar which makes kosher goat's cheese. Mike Brooke, station co-director, said: "We're having gallons of chicken soup to get through our first show."

ous purpose. The senior producer, Paul Usiskin, a Radio 5 Live contributor and independent TV producer, says: "There's a feeling that the London Jewish community has not been served by only two hours a day of Jewish broadcasting on the multi-ethnic Spectrum Radio, and one hour a week on the BBC local radio station GLR. This is a community that's shrinking and deserves a radio station that helps it unify."

community is more than twice as large as England's, the station's other co-director, Dougie Dalgleish (a BBC TV News engineer), argues that the Greek and Turkish communities have their own radio stations although their populations are much smaller than the estimated 150,000-180,000 Jews in London. But how cohesive are London's Jews, and will the station tolerate a plurality of views? It's clearly Israel-oriented: the station opened to the sounds of the Israeli national anthem, and in the evenings there are three hours of programming in Hebrew made by London-based Israelis. The station got its

franchise to cover the Israeli general election on May 29. But Mr Usiskin argues that there is space to be critical of Israel: "We've got a fair amount of hard-nosed, cynical journalists behind us who won't brook a soft touch." The station has an army of volunteers - 200 responded to a story in a Hendon newspaper. Not all are sure it will succeed, but Mr Dalgleish is certain that a station "made by Jews for Jews, can present a different way of looking at the world".

# Jobs sex bias hits men

THE battle of the sexes is now incurring more male casualties than female, at least on the front-line of job recruitment. New figures show that for the first time, more men than women complained to the Equal Opportunities Commission that they had been passed over for employment because of their sex.

crimination in job recruitment. Complaints from men were also 10 per cent up on the previous year and reached record levels. Experts attribute the shift to the changing nature of employment and the decline of traditionally "male" jobs in sectors such as manufacturing and heavy industry. Men are complaining of sex bias when they seek jobs in the stereotypically female service sector and caring professions, and are also facing increased competition for available jobs as more women go out to work.

10.5 per cent, with 4.3 per cent of women jobless and looking for employment. A commission spokesman said last night: "Men are trying to get into non-traditional areas of work, like nursing or secretarial work, and there is still a lot of job segregation around. This trend has been noticeable for a couple of years." Overall, just a quarter of work-related sex discrimination complaints come from men, with many of those concerning recruitment problems and the differing male and female entitlement ages for pensions.

# Lloyd plans legal challenge over Labour's decision to dump him

party tomorrow night. Labour's general secretary, Tom Sawyer, has sent a private letter to the 1,000-odd members of the constituency party underlining why the NEC decided to reject Mr Lloyd. The NEC considers Mr Lloyd was dishonest about his role as a state witness against John Harris, a fellow member of the African Resistance Movement expelled by South Africa in 1964 after station bomb killed one person and injured 23. Exeter is a highly marginal seat which Labour could win with a swing of 2.5 per cent.

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspondent JOHN Lloyd, the Labour Parliamentary candidate for Exeter who was ordered to step down because of his South African past, is seeking a judicial review of his decision. Mr Lloyd, a barrister and deputy leader of Exeter city council, is to challenge alleged irregularities in the procedures adopted by the party's national executive committee. His move comes ahead of a key meeting of the Exeter

# Firm could own a quarter of passenger network

## French rail bidder 'to expand in UK'

Mr Hurel, managing director of Générale Des Eaux's rail arm, said: "We are very much aware that there is a strong anti-privatisation lobby in the UK and we are trying to keep a low profile." He said that if the company were able to take over South East it would have two franchises next to each other in the largest combination in Britain. It would be able to pool resources at places like Victoria Station and rationalise staff.

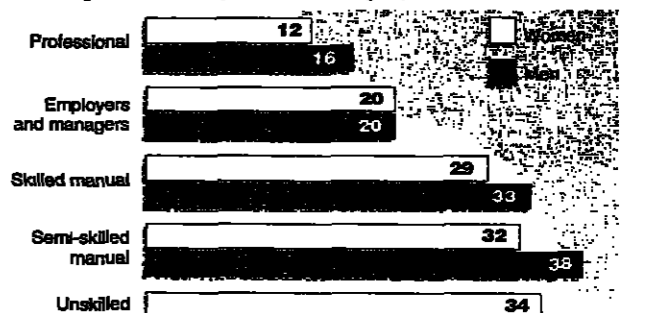
"We would like to have a portfolio with a mixture of value and quality" Network South Central, which employs 3,000 staff, will add £100 million a year to the company's current £500 million turnover. The French intend to "change the culture" of the new company, called London & South Coast. Mr Hurel said: "Don't expect miracles or crossroads and coffee, but there will be a significant improvement on the London to Brighton line, with 100mph speeds on the fast hourly services."

the French were long-term players. "We would like to have a portfolio of contracts, so there is a mix of providing value with the £85 million subsidy we will get in the first year, adding that bit of quality on top." Clare Short, shadow transport secretary, said: "It is disgraceful that a company should be allowed to bid for franchises, let alone run services. The rules governing franchises stipulate that a company must be financially sound and have a good management reputation." She also took advantage of a leaked letter from an investment manager at the National Westminster Bank warning clients not to buy Railtrack shares because of the "high" political risk. Ms Short said: "We have been warning investors that the Railtrack flotation will be no gravy train under a Labour government. It would seem that one of Britain's major banks is of the same opinion."

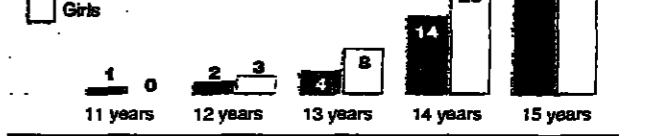
# Tough tobacco curbs 'vital'

TOUGHER controls on smoking are needed to halt the lung cancer epidemic as government targets to cut cigarette consumption look increasingly unlikely to be met, the Cancer Research Campaign warns today. A report by the CRC points out that lung cancer is the commonest cancer, and most cases are caused by cigarette smoking in the UK. It accounts for some 42,400 new patients annually.

# Smoking at work



# Young at risk



more than 30 per cent by 2000, to reduce consumption of cigarettes by 40 per cent by 2000, and to reduce smoking among 11-15-year-olds by 33 per cent. The Department of Health conceded in a report last July that the target on young people was not going to be met. It said overall smoking rates among 11-15-year-olds rose from 10 per cent in 1983 to 12 per cent in 1994. The CRC says more needs to be spent on tobacco prevention campaigns, cigarette advertising should be banned, and the tax on cigarettes sharply increased. Lung cancer is the commonest cancer in men, responsible for 22 per cent of all new cancers. In women across the UK as a whole, it ranks third, behind breast and skin cancer. In Scotland and parts of the North of England lung cancer is the number one killer of women. The report explains that despite much research and a number of experimental therapies, lung cancer remains one of the hardest to treat. About 75 per cent of people will die within one year of diagnosis - and 95 per cent within five years. The CRC is highlighting the fact that by the age of 15, one in four children is a regular smoker.

### Entertainments & Travel

**THEATRE LONDON**

- ADOLPH** - LLOYD WEBBER'S MASTERPIECE... Sun 7.30, Mon 8.00
- SUNSET BOULEVARD** - Winner of 7 Tony Awards... Sun 7.30, Mon 8.00
- BEST MUSICAL** - SHARON GLESS... Sun 7.30, Mon 8.00
- COMPANY** - BY STEVEN SODERBERGH... Sun 7.30, Mon 8.00
- STALIGHT EXPRESS** - A REGENCY THEATRICAL... Sun 7.30, Mon 8.00
- STARBUCKS** - THE CLASSIC LOVE STORY... Sun 7.30, Mon 8.00
- MISS SAIGON** - THE CLASSIC LOVE STORY... Sun 7.30, Mon 8.00
- THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA** - Directed by Andrew Lloyd Webber... Sun 7.30, Mon 8.00

**THEATRES**

- ARTISTS** - Explosive club circus... Sun 7.30, Mon 8.00
- ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY** - THE Taming of the Shrew... Sun 7.30, Mon 8.00
- WEST END** - Various productions... Sun 7.30, Mon 8.00

**MUSIC EXTRA**

- MARK SPAIN'S** - Sun 7.30, Mon 8.00
- OVERSEAS** - Various international acts... Sun 7.30, Mon 8.00

**GENERAL**

- WEST COAST** - Various productions... Sun 7.30, Mon 8.00
- FLIGHT MARKET** - Cheap flights... Sun 7.30, Mon 8.00

# Minorities unite to try to keep BJP from power Indian nationalists poised for success

Suzanne Goldenberg  
in New Delhi

INDIANS vote in the last main round of general elections tomorrow, and while they are unlikely to deliver a verdict, they have signalled growing support for a rightwing Hindu party once confined to the margins of public life.

Opinion polls have been saying the Bharatiya Janata Party will win most seats in what will probably be hung parliament. The party, which has struggled for acceptance as a credible alternative to the ruling Congress, is at last being seen as a potential party of government.

A poll in yesterday's Times of India, however, suggests that the BJP's surge has lost steam. Muslims and other communities, alarmed at the prospect of a BJP government, are throwing their support behind anyone with a chance of beating the party's candidates.

The BJP has tried recently to ingratiate itself with Muslims. But it is still seen as the party which provoked the wave of religious fervour that led to the destruction of a historic mosque in Ayodhya in December 1992. Dalits (formerly untouchables) and low-caste Hindus also seem unimpressed by the BJP's efforts to win them over.

Yesterday's poll gave the Congress 169 seats, the BJP 165, and the National Front-Left Front alliance of regional parties 145 seats in the 543-seat parliament.

Sunder Singh Bhandari, the BJP's vice-president, said the party was determined to try to form a government by forging regional allies. Unalloyed regional parties will be crucial in forming the government. The past 12 years have seen

a spectacular rise in the fortunes of the BJP, which was previously shunned for its association with the Hindu fanatics who assassinated Mahatma Gandhi in 1948. It won only two seats in the 1984 elections, but had 119 MPs in the last parliament.

The party's rise represents a backlash by Brahmins and other upper-caste Hindus against affirmative action programmes for Dalit and low-caste Hindus.

"This unprecedented anger was encouraged by the BJP and used by the BJP to consolidate their hold on the

**'Every Indian is a Hindu. No nation can be strong unless it is one people'**

Hindu upper castes," said Purushotam Aggarwal, an associate professor at Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru University. The BJP will continue to be a significant force in Indian society because it represents the vested interests of Hindu society.

The BJP emerged in 1981, but its roots lie in the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, a secretive, paramilitary organisation that was founded for two years after Gandhi's assassination.

Unlike the Congress, the RSS, which was founded in 1925, played no role in India's freedom struggle. Its members are not allowed to marry and still assemble after dawn for military-style exercises. They never regarded imperial Britain as the enemy, but the Muslim rulers who arrived in India 800 years ago.

Members of the RSS saw themselves as the guardians of a cultural identity inseparable from majority Hinduism — discounting Muslims, Sikhs and Christians, who together make up nearly 20 per cent of the population, as not true Indians.

"Every Indian is a Hindu. That's why we call Muslims as Mohammed Hindus," Mr Bhandari said. "No nation can be strong unless it is one people."

Although the BJP has sought to distance itself in public from extremist Hindu groups, the RSS continues to act as the party's conscience. Lal Kishan Advani, the BJP president and Atal Behari Vajpayee, the would-be prime minister, were both RSS members, as are most leading figures in the party.

Mr Vajpayee, aged 71, is seen as the liberal face of the BJP. A poet and former journalist, he has spent most of his adult life in politics, and served as external affairs minister in the 1977 Janata Party government.

Unlike the Congress, which has promised to carry on with economic reforms begun in 1981, the BJP is ambivalent about the entry of foreign firms into India's markets.

"It should be decided in each case and Indian entrepreneurs should take the lead in deciding which firms come in," Mr Bhandari said.

BJP leaders have championed the *swadeshi*, or self-reliance movement, which led to the looting and destruction of the first Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise in January.

The party also takes a more hawkish line on defence, and condemns the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty as "nuclear apartheid", benefiting the developed world while leaving India exposed to its arch-enemy, Pakistan.

# Pakistan blamed for unrest

Our correspondent  
in New Delhi

INDIA'S prime minister, P.V. Narasimha Rao, used his final campaign appearance yesterday to accuse Pakistan of provoking unrest and trying to force the cancellation of elections in Kashmir.

Mr Rao, speaking at a rally in Jammu, the Hindu-dominated winter capital of the state, said elections were the only way of healing the wounds of a seven-year separatist uprising. He said Pakistan knew better than to attack India directly. "It knows from the experience of the last three wars

that it cannot attack India and snatch away Kashmir from us, so it thought of creating disturbances in the valley and making the people suffer." Polling for three seats in the troubled valley has been delayed until late May so that extra security forces can be drafted in from the rest of India.

All the main Kashmiri parties have boycotted the polls, saying they should await a political settlement of the uprising. Mr Rao's attempts to revive the legislative assembly in Kashmir, which New Delhi dissolved six years ago, foundered after the election commission said the state was too violent to hold polls.

Kashmir surfaced as an election issue a week ago when the Pakistani high commissioner, Kiaz Khokhar, dismissed elections in the state as a fraud. Observers agree that all elections but one in Kashmir have been rigged. Yesterday also marked the end of 10 months in captivity for two Britons, an American, and a German tourist taken hostage by Kashmiri separatist gunmen last July.

Although Indian negotiators have had no contact for several months with al-Faraz, the previously unknown group holding the men, officials said yesterday they still believed all were alive and well.

# Media monster dogs Mexico

Phil Gunson in Mexico City

FEAR stalks the Mexican countryside from Veracruz on the Caribbean to Sinaloa on the Pacific: a nocturnal creature made its appearance in Florida, the mystery killer's reputation really took off.

Despite efforts by police and zoologists, who pointed to clear evidence that a large dog was to blame, the *chupacabras* is now well established in local mythology. So popular has it become that it now has its own homepage site on the Internet.

One of Latin America's most popular television programmes, the Cristina chat show recorded in Miami, devoted a special report to the subject which sceptics suggest may have contributed to sightings as far away as El Salvador and Costa Rica.

Medical scientists are as sceptical as their Miami colleagues. Commenting on the wounds in one attack, David Barrón, a pathologist at the Chapultepec zoo, said "what we have seems to be a series of holes that could have been made by any sharp instrument in common use".

A pawprint found at the site of one attack was identified as that of a dog. Other experts have suggested a large feline, such as a puma, was responsible.

# Modern life is a weighty problem for 70m Chinese

AP in Beijing

CHINA, which fought famine for centuries, now has more than 70 million overweight inhabitants, according to a recent survey.

The figure represents less than 6 per cent of China's population of 1.2 billion, but shows how times have changed.

In centuries of battling starvation, China developed a culture in which saying someone had gained weight was considered a compliment because it suggested prosperity.

But almost 20 years of economic reform has brought the cycle of obesity. In the early 1990s, schools and hospitals began holding "fat camps" for overweight children during school holidays.

The survey found that more than 40 per cent of adults in Beijing are overweight.

The results were reported in yesterday's China Women's News. It did not say how the survey was conducted or define what was meant by overweight.

Another recent newspaper report blamed the increasing weight problem on the arrival of Western fast food chains.



Precious cargo... A baby is lifted up to fleeing Liberians packing the ship at Monrovia's port. PHOTOGRAPH: CORINNE DUFFKA

# Liberia fighting sparks exodus

THESE CRISIS IN MONROVIA

ETHNIC Krahn fighters pushed out of their capital to hit back at Charles Taylor's forces yesterday. Witnesses said the Krahn caught and executed five of Mr Taylor's fighters.

Thick black smoke from rocket-propelled grenades hung over the city as the Krahn pushed up to the Mamba Point district.

They reached the area around the Graystone compound, five minutes walk from the United States embassy. Thousands of people, driven from their homes by the fighting, are camping at Graystone, which is protected by embassy security staff.

But West African Economic peacekeepers stopped them advancing further, telling them they were getting too close to the embassy.

The fighters finally withdrew, torching buildings as they went, and it was not clear who controlled the city.

The fighting raged as Krahn warlord Roosevelt Johnson, arrived in Ghana's capital, Accra, where emergency peace talks will begin on Tuesday. The US backs the main summit of the Economic Community of West African States, where Nigeria's ruler, General Sani Abacha, will be a key player. Nigeria leads the Economic force.

Negotiators said on Saturday they had persuaded Mr Taylor to agree to a ceasefire following Mr Johnson's departure but he later denied all knowledge of a truce.

He said the chairman of Liberia's ruling council, Wilton Sankawulo, would represent him and Alhaji Kromah, his fellow vice-chairman on the council and ally, at the talks.

Meanwhile, a rusted freighter crammed with 2,000 Liberians fleeing the fighting sailed out of Monrovia for Ghana and Lagos yesterday.

Hundreds of people said they had bought 250 tickets and paid extra for their luggage, which was on board, but were unable to get on the crowded boat. Passengers have only the food and water which will last for at least four days. — Reuters

# Violence threatens KwaZulu-Natal poll

David Beresford  
in Johannesburg

SOUTH AFRICA'S cabinet is expected to meet today for a critical decision on whether to proceed with elections in KwaZulu-Natal after a weekend gun battle in central Durban left eight people injured.

The president, Nelson Mandela, was consulting security chiefs on whether to send extra troops into the province. The ANC in KwaZulu-Natal demanded the declaration of a state of emergency.

The gunfight broke out during a march staged by the National Hostel Residents' Association — a group linked to the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) — to protest against a government ban on the carrying of "traditional" weapons.

According to witnesses, gunmen among the 7,000 demonstrators fired assault rifles. Three police officers were among those injured. A woman was later shot dead, apparently by demonstrators firing from a train on their way home from the march.

Inkatha's leader, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi — who has threatened to pull out of the coalition government if the May 29 local government polls are postponed — claimed at the weekend that

the ANC was trying to stop the election because it was in danger of being thrashed.

The chief gave the local press a copy of what he claimed was an internal ANC report conceding that its political organisation in KwaZulu-Natal was in a shambles, and concluding that its workers needed a postponement to "properly prepare ourselves".

Efforts to break the continuing deadlock in negotiations over South Africa's final constitution this week are likely to fuel tension about the elections.

The National Party's executive is due to decide tonight whether to oppose the legisla-

tion when it goes to a vote on Wednesday, possibly forcing a referendum.

The Nationalists are demanding constitutional guarantees for the continued existence of Afrikaans-medium schools. There is speculation they may support the constitution, on the grounds that they have nothing to gain from a referendum, and then withdraw from the government.

Chief Buthelezi, whose IFP has boycotted the constitutional talks, said at the weekend that the new constitution would create further problems for KwaZulu-Natal.

"There is no sense that it is our constitution," he said. "Nevertheless, we have lived

under that kind of thing for many decades, because the various minority governments imposed constitutions on the majority for a very long time."

There were ugly scenes on Saturday at the funeral of a Zulu princess, allegedly murdered by Inkatha supporters, when rival factions struggled for control of the proceedings.

Princess Nonhlanhla Zulu was kidnapped and killed by hostel dwellers nine days ago.

Heckling broke out when a notorious Inkatha warlord, Prince Gideon Zulu, arrived with 500 armed bodyguards and delivered an oration denouncing President Mandela. Many mourners left in disgust.

# Drop-out mums to lose welfare

Martin Walker  
in Washington

PRESIDENT Clinton is to bypass Congress and use his executive powers to impose a reform that would slash welfare payments to teenage mothers who leave home and drop out of school, but provide bonuses for those who stay on to graduate.

The only way for teen mothers to break free from the cycle of welfare dependency and to escape the welfare trap, is to live at home, stay in school, and get the education they need to get a good job," Mr Clinton said.

Welfare remains one of the most contentious issues in American politics, and Mr Clinton's reform is a pre-emptive strike to rob the Republicans of one of their stronger campaign themes as the presidential election campaign gets under way.

More than 500,000 babies a year are born to teenage mothers in the United States, the vast majority of them unmarried. Single mothers are the group least likely to break from the welfare system once they have joined it.

"We have to make it clear that a baby doesn't give you the right, and won't give you the money, to leave home and drop out of school. We are moving to make responsibility a way of life, not an option," Mr Clinton said.

The president's use of executive authority follows two failed attempts to persuade

Congress to pass welfare bills that would fulfil his campaign promise "to end welfare as we know it".

Despite the bills' failure, the structure of welfare has changed significantly in the last three years as Mr Clinton has signed waivers allowing 37 states to sidestep federal rules on welfare spending and introduce experiments.

As a result, 76 per cent of those on welfare are on experimental schemes. The new reform to curtail welfare payments for teen mothers who leave school is patterned on a successful experiment run by the Republican governor George Voinovich in Ohio.

As a result of the presidential waivers, the broad principle of requiring school attendance in return for a welfare cheque is already in force in 26 states, and the rule that teen mothers must be living in a household headed by a responsible adult is in force in 21 states.

The US crime rate fell for the fourth consecutive year as murders reported to the police dropped 8 per cent in 1995 from 23,300 killings in 1994, the FBI said yesterday.

The FBI said murders posted the sharpest decline among violent crimes, which decreased 4 per cent from the 1994 level. New York reported 1,170 murders in 1995, down from 1,561 in 1994. Los Angeles had five more killings at 896 last year while the number of homicides fell in Chicago to 824 from 928, and in Detroit to 475 from 541.

# Eritrea's women fighters long for equality of war

Returning to a society that expects them to be subservient is hard for the former guerrillas. James McKinley reports

SOME days Nuria Mohammed Saleh says she finds herself missing the war. Not the fear and horror. Not even the adrenaline and camaraderie of soldiering. She misses being treated like a man.

Like thousands of Eritrean women, Mrs Saleh fought with the men in the rebel army that freed the rocky land from Ethiopian rule in 1991. Like most women veterans here, she has found it hard to return to the deeply traditional and patriarchal society she left behind as a teenager.

A few years ago, she recalled, she was hammering the enemy with mortar fire. Now she sweeps floors for a pound a day. The only hints of her past are the shrapnel scars.

"It was better when we were in the field," she said. "We were equal with the men, and we got good treatment."

Mrs Saleh is one of about 20,000 women who have been discharged from the Eritrean army in the past two years as part of a larger demobilisation of almost 52,000 troops. Though about 3,000 remain in the army, most women were sent home. Some had spent

their entire adult lives in the Eritrean People's Liberation Front. Most have little education, having left school to fight.

The front changed their lives, they said. The rebel commanders were Marxists and treated women as equals. The front's soldiers were taught to ignore sexual, tribal and religious differences. Women were

trained to drive tanks, fight and handle big guns. A handful rose to command rebel battalions. Many married fighters from other religions and tribes.

Outside the army in rebel-controlled regions, because the Liberation Front required most men to be in combat, women broke traditional moulds, working as dentists, medical technicians, administrators, factory workers, mechanics, and teachers, a United Nations report said.

But if women guerrillas

had hoped that fighting in the war would change their status in Eritrean society, they have discovered that traditions die hard.

Several said their families had rejected their unequal marriages and employers had been reluctant to hire them for skilled jobs.

Traditionally women had little power in Eritrea, a country split between Orthodox Christians and Muslims. Women are not allowed to own livestock in much of Eritrea. In some ethnic groups, women are not expected to speak in front of men and must wait until men have finished before starting their meals.

"When they came back, the society had not really changed. It had not moved," Senait Ogbazghi, a spokeswoman for Unicef in Asmara, said. "It was very difficult for the women fighters."

The new government has tried to cement some of the gains women made during the war by insisting on equality in public hiring and ordering all village councils to be one-third women.

"We would like to keep that momentum, to continue to allow more women participation in all aspects of life," President Isaias Afwerki said. "It's the attitudes in the society that always become an obstacle." — New York Times

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Jaci Stephen on Richard and Judy

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# Nato changes pose questions for role of WEU

John Palmer in Brussels, Ian Black and David Fairhall in London

NATO's American-dominated military command structure is to be radically reorganised to make room for the return of the French, prompting new questions about how European Union countries will organise security operations on their own.

Under plans being developed in Brussels, European Nato commanders may be mandated to run separate missions for the Western European Union (WEU) — the embryonic defence arm of the EU — using Nato resources.

But the WEU has already made clear it will not take over responsibility for consolidating the Bosnian peace settlement when the mandate of the Nato-led implementation force, I-FOR, runs out at the end of the year.

"No... the magnitude of the task... it is simply too big," Jose Cutileiro, the WEU's Portuguese secretary-general, said.

Foreign Office sources said it was crucial that the United States remain involved in any post-I-FOR arrangement, to avoid a return to bitter transatlantic rows over Bosnia.

But the European commissioner for foreign affairs, Hans van den Broek, called on the EU last Friday to decide what it and the WEU might do to avoid a dangerous military vacuum after any American troop withdrawal.

WEU foreign and defence ministers meet in Birmingham tomorrow to review progress on operational capabilities and consider future relations with Nato.

Today the two organisations are to sign an agreement allowing the WEU ac-

cess to Nato documents and communications codes.

Apart from giving Washington's European partners more responsibility for their own security, a second phase of Nato's structural reform was intended to help the alliance prepare a gradual expansion into the former communist countries of eastern Europe.

But restructuring has been accelerated by President Jacques Chirac's decision to complete the reintegration of French forces into Nato at the same time as his country's defence capability is overhauled.

Britain vehemently opposes giving the EU any direct military responsibilities, but it now accepts that the WEU, and by extension the EU, will play a bigger role in future European security.

Most EU countries want the WEU to be absorbed into the EU, possibly in stages, to achieve a common European defence as set out in the Maastricht treaty.

Military chiefs from all 16 Nato countries — including France — have agreed on the outlines of a more streamlined command structure.

This follows agreement that Nato can transfer "combined joint task force" units — fighting troops, with headquarters staffs, communications and logistical backup — to the WEU for alliance-approved, European-run missions.

These operations include peacekeeping, peace enforcement and other humanitarian missions.

The French government, which for the last 30 years has refused to join Nato's integrated military command because it was dominated by the Americans, sees the agreement as "a breakthrough for a European defence identity".

# Minister denounces efforts by Bosnia and Serbia to charge fee for war exiles returning from Germany

# Refugee 'tax' angers Bonn

Ian Traynor in Bonn

THE governments of Bosnia and Serbia are seeking to capitalise on the plight of hundreds of thousands of Balkan refugees sheltering in Germany by demanding payment to allow them to return home, according to government and relief organisation officials in Bonn.

Manfred Kanther, Germany's tough-talking interior minister, said the Bosnian government was blocking negotiations on repatriation between Bonn and Sarajevo and demanding payment for the proposed returns.

"They are demanding more money — that can't be," Mr Kanther said.

Local authority leaders in

government-controlled parts of Bosnia — almost all under the control of President Alija Izetbegovic's ruling Muslim Democratic Action Party — were stipulating that each returnee from Germany bring "taxes" of up to DM10,000 (£4,400), a well-placed aid official disclosed.

"It's a poker game," the official said. "Everybody wants the money. It's always the same."

There are at least 330,000 refugees from the war in Germany, about 7.5 per cent of Bosnia's pre-war population and a figure that eclipses the number of Bosnians scattered across the rest of the European Union.

Mr Kanther is anxious to see them begin to return, arguing that they are testing the limits of German generosity

and hospitality. But last Friday, he was forced to concede that his deadline of July 1 for the beginning of deportations was no longer practicable, given the fragile condition of the Bosnian peace process and the halting pace of the civilian reconstruction effort.

Mr Kanther also accused Bosnia's government of insisting on being allowed to vet returning refugees, a demand that he rejected.

He also attacked the Serbian government of President Slobodan Milosevic for blocking the return of thousands of other migrants to Germany, and for trying to exact payment for co-operation.

Ethnic Albanians from the tense south Serbian province of Kosovo are pouring into Germany at the rate of more than 2,000 a month, according

to the Bonn office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). There are now thought to be at least 130,000 Kosovo Albanians in Germany who are not war refugees but mostly failed asylum-seekers. The German authorities want to deport them, but Serbia refuses to take them back.

Mr Kanther also accused Croatia of being in cahoots with Bosnia's government in seeking to block repatriation.

Germany needs transit agreements with Austria, Slovenia and Croatia to begin sending the Bosnians home since the vast majority of them will travel overland.

The government of President Franjo Tudjman in Croatia is bent on delaying an influx of Muslims into Bosnia because this would tip the

ethnic balance of the Muslim-Croat federation established in half of Bosnia-Herzegovina in the Muslims' favour.

A confidential German foreign ministry report that helped Mr Kanther decide to delay ejecting the Bosnians warned that a mass return of refugees from abroad could sink the ailing federation.

A durable coexistence of Muslims and Croats in a common federation was "far from assured", the report warned. The return of refugees was meeting "massive resistance from local Croats".

The report envisaged a bleak future for Bosnia and anticipated the persecution of non-Serbs returning to areas under Serb control.

The UNHCR estimates that as many as 70 per cent of the 320,000 Bosnian refugees in

Germany are Muslim victims of Serb ethnic cleansing, drummed out of their lands in areas now under Serb control.

Most will be unable to return to their native areas and will need to be accommodated in the Muslim-Croat federation, but that prospect is generating fierce Croat opposition.

Officials from the five-power "contact group" on Bosnia — the United States, Russia, Germany, France and Britain — met in Frankfurt last night to discuss the refugee crisis. The head of the UNHCR, Sadako Ogata, begins a tour of Bosnian hotspots today in an attempt to galvanise the repatriation process.

"Basic principles have to apply: that people can return where they came from," Mrs Ogata said.

Liberia fighting sparks exodus

John Palmer in Brussels, Ian Black and David Fairhall in London

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# Vikings in leather wage biker feud

Jon Henley in Helsinki

IT IS an outlandish war, waged in one of the world's most unlikely trouble spots. The protagonists have names like Svend "the Swine" Holst and Joergen "Fur" Nielson. But the weapons are serious: rapid-fire assault rifles and anti-tank missiles.

In the past 18 months, four men have died and a dozen more have been injured as rival Nordic Hell's Angels and Bandidos bikers wage a bitter feud in Copenhagen and other cities.

The feud began in earnest two years ago when Denmark's Hell's Angels allowed the rival Bandidos,

an offshoot of the Texas gang, to set up a local chapter. The Bandidos now rival the California-based Hell's Angels 100-plus membership across the region.

The latest victim of the feud was Jarikko Kokko, the leader of the Finnish Bandidos, who died after being shot on a central Helsinki street on March 2.

The gang's Danish chief, Uffe Larsen, was mown down by automatic gunfire at Copenhagen airport on March 10 as he returned from a gang meeting in Helsinki. A Norwegian member attending the same meeting was badly wounded in a simultaneous shoot-out at Oslo airport.

At Mr Larsen's funeral, leather-clad Bandidos from Europe, America and Australia, America and Australia, wearing armbands reading "Cut one, we all bleed", they vowed to act "in our own way, in our own time".

On April 10, a Hell's Angels base in Sweden near the south-western city of Helsingborg was set ablaze by shoulder-fired anti-tank missiles stolen from an army base. Days later, similar rockets ploughed into Hell's Angels clubhouses in Copenhagen and Jutland.

Mr Kragh said Britain's Chelsea gang had promised to come to the Bandidos' aid in Denmark. "We'll have three of the world's four main criminal biker gangs battling it out in the land of Hans Christian Andersen. It won't be a fairy tale."

# Prussian revival founders as Brandenburg snubs Berlin

Ian Traynor in Bonn

VOTERS in the eastern German state of Brandenburg yesterday snubbed Berlin and decided to reject a merger with the capital.

A referendum on whether to fuse Berlin and Brandenburg in a federal state of 6 million people, talked of as a revived Prussia, gained 58.5 per cent support in the capital, projections showed.

But a majority in both states was required for the project to go ahead and the merger was sunk by a 55.5 per cent vote against in the mainly rural Brandenburg.

The two co-existed happily in the Prussian heartland for 700 years before the allies dissolved Prussia in 1947.

Leading politicians of left and right have campaigned strongly for a return to what they view as a more rational and natural order.

The outcome was a setback for the two big parties, the Christian Democrats and the Social Democrats.

They argued forcefully for the merger which they said

would save billions and attract investment.

The Social Democrat prime minister of Brandenburg, Manfred Stolpe, conceded defeat and said he could now be made scapegoat for the result.

Berlin's Christian Democrat mayor, Eberhard Diepgen, said he was very disappointed by the "wasted chance".

The PDS, the former communists who once ruled East Germany, savoured victory after denouncing the plans of the two big parties.

Pundits and politicians agreed that the tumult of transformation in the five years since communism's collapse and reunification had left people weary of change.

The voters of Brandenburg, a rural state of 2.5 million people, evidently feared surrendering their autonomy to a new state dominated by the metropolis of 3.5 million.

The pro-merger vote in Berlin came as a mild surprise considering the people of West Berlin in particular had feared being "easternised" by life alongside Brandenburg and East Berlin.



Gutted... Firemen spray water over the headquarters of the Crédit Lyonnais bank near the Place de l'Opera in Paris yesterday PHOTOGRAPH: FRANCIS MOR

# Smoke clouds central Paris as fire engulfs troubled bank

Paul Webster in Paris

FIREMEN battled all day to save the Crédit Lyonnais headquarters in central Paris yesterday, but flames destroyed all but a few offices in a building where 4,000 people work.

About 30 firemen and four bank staff were burnt or overcome by smoke in one of the city's most spectacular post-war fires which sent black smoke rising hundreds of feet above the Place de l'Opera area.

Nearby buildings in the business and financial quarter between the Boulevard des Capucines and the Rue de la Harpe yesterday were evacuated for fear that flames would spread.

Six hours after the fire was reported at 8.32am in the bank's market trading room, hopes that the blaze was under control were dashed when flames gutted the boardroom and spread rapidly to the roof.

More turntable ladders had to be brought in but most of the bank's 150,000 square feet were destroyed or flooded before the fire was finally under control.

Millions of pounds will have to be spent restoring the 118-year-old listed building with a dome and other features designed by Gustave Eiffel, and an iron double staircase copied from the stone staircase at Chateaubert in the Loire.

The fire, probably caused by an electrical short circuit, adds to years of financial setbacks for France's biggest state-owned bank as it tries to recover from bad property and entertainment investments and allegations of illicit political party funding.

# World news in brief

## Burundi's army 'killed more than 200 Hutu civilians'

BURUNDI'S Tutsi-dominated army killed more than 200 Hutu, mostly women and children, in a military operation in the centre of the country late last month, aid agency sources in the area said yesterday.

The sources, who did not

want to be identified, said troops killed 236 people in Buhoro, a mountain village, after Hutu rebels had killed some civilians there. The dead included 136 women and 67 children. Most were killed with bayonets.

The sources included wit-

nesses, people who personally had verified the body-count and those who had taken statements from survivors.

A military spokesman said he had no knowledge of an operation at Buhoro. Lieutenant-Colonel Isale Nibizi said: "All we know is that three

military personnel were killed on April 30 at Bugendana (a nearby village)."

In Kenya's capital Nairobi, the National Council for the Defence of Democracy — the political wing of Burundi's main rebel movement — condemned the killings. — Reuter.

## Aznar sworn in as Spain's PM

SPAIN'S new prime minister, José María Aznar, was sworn in yesterday with most Spaniards, facing their first change in government for almost 14 years, greeting him with muted enthusiasm but open minds, *Adela Cooch in Madrid writes.*

"It is a great day for democracy heralding a fresh period of dialogue and stable government," Mr Aznar, aged 43, said after taking the oath of office before King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia.

Most Spaniards, however, seemed more concerned with celebrating Spain's Mother's Day than the dawn of a conservative era and the departure of the Socialist leader Felipe González, who had been in office since 1982.

"Well, you can't say that Aznar is charismatic," said Alfredo Vedarte, a builder.

Even supporters of Mr Aznar's centre-right Popular Party were guarded.

"I can see what he's trying to do. But you can't please the unions and sort the economy out," Carlos Garcia Durrie, a lawyer, said. "I think it's going to be a short honeymoon."

The cabinet Mr Aznar named yesterday includes two independents as defence and justice ministers, and a balance of hawks and doves in economics, which he says will be his priority.

## Graft judge to join cabinet

Antonio Di Pietro, Italy's former anti-corruption magistrate, told the Ansa news agency at the weekend he did not intend to form his own political party, and had accepted the offer of a ministry in Romano Prodi's new centre-left government.

Meanwhile, President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro has pleaded for unity after Umberto Bossi, the leader of the Northern League, called for the secession of the rich north. — Reuter.

## China defiant

China's de facto embassy in Hong Kong said yesterday that Hong Kong's legislature is intended to appoint in the territory after it takes over in 1997 would be formed with or without the current administration's help. Hong Kong's administration has refused to co-operate with the planned body. — Reuter.

## Poll announced

Liamine Zeroual, Algeria's president, told journalists yesterday he had proposed at talks with party leaders that general elections be held in early 1997, to be preceded by a referendum this year to amend the constitution. — Reuter.

## Mafia boss held

Police in Palermo said yesterday they had captured Salvatore Cucuzza, aged 49, who is reputed to be a member of the Sicilian Mafia's ruling commission. — Reuter.

## Talks start

Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation yesterday began "final status" talks in Egypt's Red Sea resort of Taba to determine the fate of the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and Jerusalem. — Reuter.

## Hunt goes on

Authorities searching for William Colby, the former CIA director last seen canoeing six days ago, yesterday handed

## Towns attacked

Guerillas of the leftwing Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (Farc) are suspected of having killed at least 16 people during raids on two towns in Uraba, north-west Colombia, an army official said yesterday. — Reuter.

## Hostages seen

A Red Cross official and a doctor yesterday visited 11 hostages, four of them Britons, held since January by separatist rebels in Indonesia's Irian Jaya province. It was the first time they had been seen by outsiders in a month. — Reuter.

## Left standing

Two policemen in Taoyuan, Taiwan, had their vehicle stolen on Saturday by a car thief they had just arrested and put in the front seat. — Reuter.

## Manama shops set ablaze by rebel arsonists

A WAVE of arson attacks several areas in the capital Manama. There were no reports of casualties.

It was not clear what caused the fires. But the official Gulf News Agency said firefighters "found several explosive cigarette packets which were defused before they exploded."

An official described the arson attacks as "terrorist acts" which residents said appeared to be in reaction to the execution 40 days ago of a Shi'ite protester found guilty of killing a police sergeant. Arabs traditionally commemorate a death 40 days later. — Reuter.

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David Ifshin

Zealot's road to Washington

THE EULOGIES in Washington last week at the funeral of David Ifshin, who died of cancer at the age of 47, were delivered by President Bill Clinton and the conservative Republican Senator John McCain of Arizona. Clinton's presence was to be expected, as an old friend and political ally...

He returned to the US, went to law school and began working for the pro-Israel and hawkish Democratic Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson, for the American Jewish Committee and for the Anti-Defamation League. He also became one of the country's leading experts on electoral law, developing a mastery over the arcane and different regulations for getting on the ballot in all the states which became essential for the Moudale and Clinton campaigns.

By THE TIME of the Clinton campaign, Ifshin was one of the most important figures connecting American Jewish organisations to the Democratic Party. Since 1985 he had been general counsel and a director of the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee. By far the most influential arm of the pro-Israel lobby...

Al Qing

Dilemma of a poet in adversity

AI QING, respected poet in the new socialist China, who has died in Beijing at the age of 86, was sent to Chile in 1954 to celebrate Pablo Neruda's birthday. Entranced by Neruda's quirky style of life, he wrote a poem praising not the man's spirit of revolutionary commitment but his "fascinating house" on the Pacific shore.



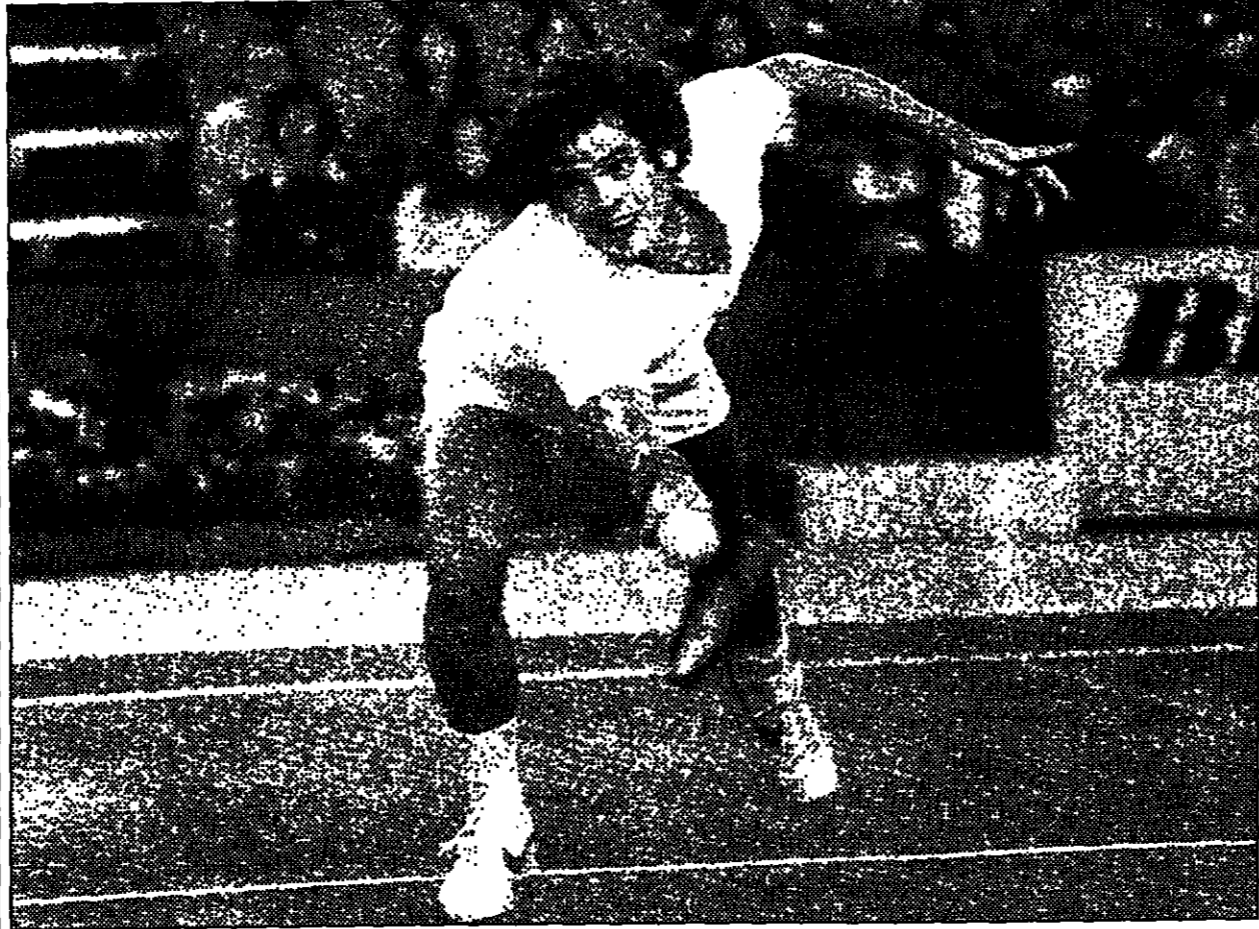
Al Qing... poetic injustice

growing intellectuals. Though supporting the Communist Party, the latter reflected the free-thinking independent spirit of China's first (and genuine) Cultural Revolution, launched in May 1919 after the failure of the first revolution. They produced *zu wen* (satirical essays) calling for autonomy of thought...

Tim Gullikson

Double ace partner

TIM GULLIKSON, the effort-obsessed coach who helped transform Pete Sampras from an introverted prodigy into one of the world's greatest tennis champions, has died, aged 44, from brain cancer.



Tim Gullikson... net assets as a singles and doubles player and as a coach

Both graduated from Northern Illinois University, with Tim getting a degree in physical education. As professionals, the two won 10 doubles titles together and were 1983 finalists at Wimbledon. The Gulliksons were also a top team on senior circuits until last year. Tim considered the better singles player, was the pro circuit's newcomer of the year in 1977 and in 1979 he reached Wimbledon's quarter finals.

Appreciation: Lord Houghton of Sowerby

Beryl Brughart writes: Douglas Houghton (obituary, May 3) was the most unassuming and caring of men. Before he became chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party and served in the Wilson governments, I owed much to Douglas's expertise in national insurance and industrial injuries legislation during his years as chairman of the party's national insurance group.

accepting many new Labour ideas while having some reservations about "New" Labour. The animal lobby will greatly miss Douglas's enduring and active concern for animal welfare, an interest which he pursued very actively until the last in the Upper House.

Birthdays

John Akker, general secretary, NATFHE, 53; Lt Gen Sir Jeremy Blacker, Master-General of the Ordnance, 57; Tony Blair MP, leader of the Labour Party, 43; John Boardman, cricket umpire, 64; Susan Browary, actress, 50; Prof Rosemary Cramp, archaeologist, 67; Alessandra Ferri, ballerina, 33; Nell Foster, cricketer, 34; John Hutton, Labour MP, 41; Eleanor Platt, QC, 58; Freddy Randall, jazz trumpeter, 75; Alan Ross, author, poet, editor London Magazine, 74; Sonia Rykiel, fashion designer, 52; Graeme Souness, football manager, 43; Elizabeth Selars, actress, 73; Rt Rev John Taylor, Bishop of St Albans, 67; Norman Whiteside, former footballer, 31.

Jackdaw



Idealist's death

Twenty-four years ago, George McGovern stood as a presidential candidate. In a new book, Terry: My Daughter's Life And Death Struggle With Alcoholism, he talks about what a life in politics can do to a family. This is from a conversation he had with Mark Marzoff of Interview.

It so when the policeman and clergyman came to my door just before midnight on December 13, 1964, and told me that my daughter had frozen to death in a snowbank while intoxicated, it almost took the life out of me. I couldn't speak, I couldn't think, I couldn't cry. It literally just went numb. It was the saddest moment of my life.

medium. Yeah, that's a prediction of mine that's coming true. What do you think about the (Carnegie-Mellon Robotics) Hans Moravec's notion of people actually uploading their consciousness into the Net? I'm into it, in a way, it's a complicated question and I've thought a lot about it for many years. It was sort of the idea in Software - that the robots were going to get this man's personality. You would first need a database. You would need to be interrogated over a long period of time. I think that some product might be available in about 10 years that would follow you around, and it would ask you questions. It would generate this hypertext file. It might be called a Lib-box. You'd give it to your grandchildren and they can say, "Did you ever play baseball, Grandpa?" and it would tell them. And they could say, "Tell me more" and so on. It will be a hypertext memoir. If it's done well enough you can actually talk to the person. Of course, just because you write your memoir, the book isn't you. You're dead. The question is, how good would the simulation have to be for you to feel like it was you?

vision programme Animal Hospital, will become available as toys. Some will be miniatures, made of plastic and given away free in breakfast food packets. Others, big and furry, will be sold in toyshops, complete with curable and repeatable injuries, implying automatic remedy. The latter version will be made with areas which, when an ice pack is applied, will simulate bruises or wounds in appropriate colours. The symptoms can be dispersed with stroking, or by massage with a warm towel. Mr Anthony Baumann, head of marketing for the RSPCA, is quoted as saying: "It's a nice idea. It will go like a bomb. I know it may sound rather naïf but it will raise tens of thousands of pounds for us." So that is one side of the big idea. There are other aspects less insouciantly disposable. Another step has been taken in spreading the crassly misleading idea that animals are models, not creatures, and that if injured they can always be "mended" without suffering pain or stress in the process. These are matters which should be considered separately from image-creation, fund-raising, or the requirements of the entertainment industry. Where is the RSPCA going? The prevention of cruelty to animals and the separate but related issue of the prevention of suffering by animals are not best advanced by presenting animals as mechanical toys. Anybody actively concerned in the care of animals through-out their lives, and not merely when young or sick, knows very well that it is emphatically not the attitude which should be encouraged in children. Instead they should be taught that children have feelings which are not the same as ours but are nonetheless real, and that merciful treatment of them involves this reality and its implications.

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# Coming clean on taxation will pay dividends

Labour must tell voters that the City, not wage-earners, will provide funds to get Britain working, Ken Livingstone argues

WHILE the Tory spin doctors continue to pore over last week's cull of Tory councillors in the hope of finding something on which they can build a rosy scenario, the expectation inside the Labour leader's office is still that the next election will be extremely tight.

Labour's internal polls confirm public reports that a substantial number of voters still identify with the Tory party, even though they are not voting for it. If these voters revert to their traditional loyalty it will reduce Labour's lead to a mere 2-3 per cent.

It is also clear from the latest NOP poll how those voters could be swung back to the Tories. NOP concentrated on tax, and the figures revealed our weak underbelly. Only 13 per cent of voters believe the official Labour line that we will "cut taxes as the economy improves". Thirty-two per cent believe a Labour government will raise taxes only on the well-off (48 per cent defined well-off as £50,000-plus income). This would be morally and politically right; it would bring in more than £2 billion and I hope it is what Gordon Brown does.

But the real danger for Labour is the 41 per cent of voters who think Labour will put up everyone's taxes. This figure should set the alarm bells ringing in Labour's superficial and expensive Millbank Media Centre.

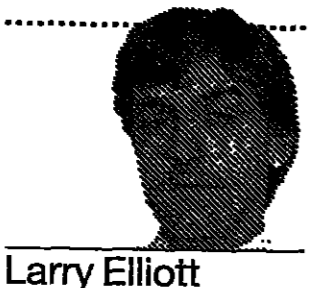
Since the debacle of John Smith's shadow budget at the last general election, the Labour leadership has treated tax policy as gingerly as if it were Semtex. Our refusal to say what changes we will make to income tax has helped to create a climate of suspicion in which 41 per cent of voters fear they are going to be clobbered.

SURELY it is best to say now that high earners will pay more. If only to reassure the others. The truth is that even if Blair and Brown can be persuaded to increase taxes at the £50,000 point, the £2 billion this brings in is still only the small change of government revenues. To rebuild our welfare state and drag British investment up to European levels we need figures 10 times that. There is no way money of this order can come from income tax increases.

How to stop the relative decline of the British economy has been the main discussion point of British politics for nearly a century. We used to be told it was strong trade unions and lazy British workers that were the problem but now British workers are paid less and work longer, and their trade unions have fewer



# Opening way to quality street



Larry Elliott

WE REALLY are an ungrateful lot. Here we are in the fifth year of economic recovery, living in a golden age of low inflation, and still we don't vote Conservative.

Listening to Tory spin doctors last week, you might have thought securing 28 per cent of last week's local election poll was a spectacular triumph — the launch pad, no less, for a fifth general election victory next year.

Unfortunately for ministers, the traditional links between economic performance and government popularity have broken down. Psephologists are also baffled, because their charts are based on a correlation between consumer confidence, real incomes and unemployment on the one hand, and voting patterns on the other.

The debate about feel-good factors etc is a barren exercise. We need to look deeper to explain the mood of disenchantment, not just with the Government but with politics *per se*. To that extent, Brian Mawhinney was right that

there is no great enthusiasm out there for New Labour. How could there be when so much of it is Old Tory?

The starting point should be a rethink of how we measure success and progress. It's all very well saying that rising car ownership means we are all better off, but the economic benefit of being a two-car family could be vitiated by increased asthma attacks or sitting in four-hour tailbacks on the M25.

An attempt to capture these so-called "externalities" in a measure that extends beyond gross domestic product has been compiled by the New Economics Foundation, Britain's leading force in green economics. As the graph shows, gross domestic product per head rose steadily from 1950 to 1990, more than doubling in 40 years. This was true whichever party was in power.

However, the bottom line shows what happens if you allow for factors not picked up by the GDP per-head measure. The NEF, in collaboration with the Stockholm Environment Institute, uses their charts are based on a correlation between consumer confidence, real incomes and unemployment on the one hand, and voting patterns on the other.

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estimates of environmental damage and the depreciation of natural capital are accounted for, as is growing income inequality since 1979. The latter reflects the fact that a pound in the pocket means more to the poor than it does to the rich.

On the plus side, a monetary value is given to the net formation of human capital, through education and training, and to the non-monetised benefits to the economy from housework.

The result is an Index of Sustainable Economic Welfare, which indicates that the qual-

ity of our lives is actually no better than it was in 1950. The profile suggests that the ISEW rose until the oil shock of the early 1970s, but has since declined as crime, pollution and inequality have increased.

Naturally, the ISEW methodology is open to debate. Gov-

ernment statisticians have always had problems in putting a monetary value on housework, it is difficult to assess exactly how rising inequality should be measured, and there is a large element of subjectivity in figures for long-term environmental degradation.

But even with these caveats, the ISEW approach has merit. It is not just that the Office for National Statistics has begun to incorporate the green agenda into the published economic data; but a gloomier view of "progress" since 1950 seems to accord with the downbeat public mood across

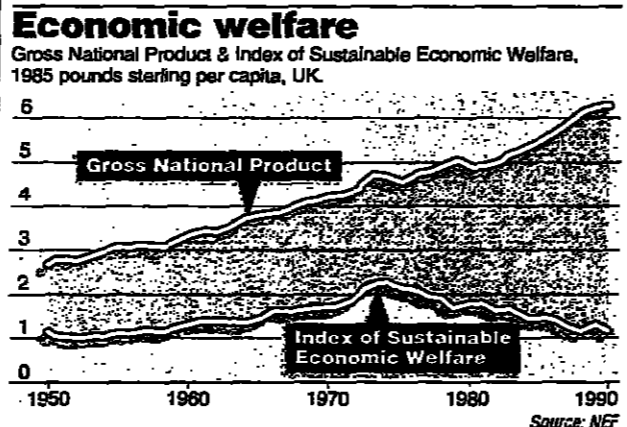
the decommissioning of the Brent Spar.

The NEF believes that these "externalities" ignored by the free-market approach to economics — are now coming home to roost, adding that the divergence between personal income and quality of life "casts doubt on the primary goal of conventional politics".

The right has no real answer to these developments. Its answer to rising crime is to bang up more criminals and install surveillance cameras, rather than to look at the impact of inequality and deprivation. On transport, it is undecided whether to turn the M25 into a 19-lane traffic jam or force Tesco and Sainsbury back into the high street.

For the past 20 years, the right has made much of the fact that it, not the left, has carried the radical banner. The difficulty now is that the concept of permanent revolution — manifested in downsizing, globalisation, unfettered movement of capitalism — has become inimical to voters searching for reassurance. A truly conservative party — conserving jobs, habitats and local communities — must emerge over the next 10 or 15 years to counter the economic determinism of the right.

But the left, too, has been struggling to come up with an answer to the twin perils of the modern world — job insecurity and the threat to the global environment. For all the talk of a red-green alliance, the response to 20 years of *laissez-faire* hegemony has either been a timid "me too-



the developed West. Away from the navel-gazing of Westminster, political activism has in the past 10 years focused on quality of life issues — with protests at Newbury and Teyford Down, the opposition to out-of-town shopping developments and furors over

# Crunch approaches for cash-strapped Mandela

**BRIEFING/ Sarah Ryle reports on the need for foreign investors to rethink their attitude to South Africa**

TWO years after Nelson Mandela was elected to lead South Africa's full return to the international community, the country is still suffering from under-investment by foreigners.

While apartheid was in full swing, they were begged to withhold their goods and currency by equal rights campaigners. Now these same campaigners are drumming up support for South African trade and foreign investment in infrastructure.

The wall they hit is built of distrust of the South African economy. The recent fall of the rand, which has lost 18 per cent of its value against the dollar since mid-February, is a measure of international wariness. The latest threat to stability is the row over the new constitution.

If consensus is not reached by Wednesday, there could be a national referendum. So organisations such as Acton for Southern Africa (Actsa),

successor to the anti-apartheid movement, have their work cut out persuading foreigners they should rethink their approach on trade and investment.

There is evidence that South Africa is pursuing a successful economic policy. According to South African Reserve Bank figures, there was 3.3 per cent GDP growth in 1995 and analysts now forecast 4 per cent growth for 1996, supported by the International Monetary Fund's World Economic Outlook.

Inflation, high at 7 per cent, is still the lowest since the early 1970s. New investment in manufacturing rose 21 per cent last year, and the IMF predicted strong

growth in the sector will continue. The budget deficit was 8.5 per cent in 1993 and is expected to fall to 5.1 per cent in 1996-1997.

The African National Congress government has instigated a Reconstruction and Development Programme that has primary health projects as a top priority. But most resources so far have had to come from the reduction of government spending in other areas, according to Actsa.

The government is also drawing up a national strategy that aims to boost real GDP to 6 per cent and create up to half a million more jobs by the year 2000.

But this goal is based on achieving a 10 per cent in-

crease in non-gold exports a year and "substantial private and public investment", according to deputy president Thabo Mbeki.

With domestic growth comes a stronger demand for imports, so the threat to the balance of payments is not just from weak exports.

The international approach is exemplified by the European Union, which buys nearly half of South Africa's exports but offers worse trade terms than most other countries outside the western world, according to Actsa. Current negotiations involve the EU banning some products from any trade agreement.

Forty per cent of agricultural produce, the sector

likely to generate jobs most quickly, was not even up for negotiation.

Actsa has calculated that South Africa could attract \$2.4 billion (£1.6 billion) of foreign direct investment if it continued to show sustainable growth. But the most serious constraint could be a weak balance of payments, damaged by poor export performance.

Access to world markets for exports has become crucial to the health and education projects needed to better the lot of the majority of South Africans.

Success in South Africa is also regarded as the key to growth in other African nations. If it fails, those countries will also suffer.

## Indicators

**TODAY — UK:** Bank holiday. JPs Holiday. GERS: Unemployment (Apr). GERS: Manufacturing orders (in weeks, Mar). GERS: Current account (in weeks, Feb). GERS: Visible trade (Feb). **WEDNESDAY — UK:** Chancellor/Governor meeting. **US:** Beige Book. **THURSDAY — UK:** Industrial production (Mar). **UK:** Manufacturing production (Mar). **JP:** Current account (Mar). **FRIDAY — UK:** CBI Survey of Distributive Trades. **US:** Producer prices (Apr). Source: HSBC Markets Research.

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Racing

Bosra Sham shows why Cecil is held in such high esteem

Chris Hawkins on an emotional outcome to the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket yesterday as the favourite overcomes injury scare

RACING can reduce hard men to quivering wrecks and Henry Cecil, while he would never claim to be a gladiator, materialised in a desperate bid to hold back the tears as he was cheered to the echo after Bosra Sham had won yesterday's Pertemps 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket.

The stewards allowed the placings to stand, but found that interference had taken place between Bosra Sham and the runner-up Matija. They concluded that it was due to careless riding on the part of Pat Eddery and suspended him for two days from May 14.

Cecil has always maintained that Bosra Sham was a special and he proved the point, although making hard work of overcoming the discomfort of his bruised neck. "She's better than that but has had a horrible time and is very lucky to have gone," said Cecil, paying tribute to the efforts of his fitter, Nick Curtis, and vet Richard Greenwood.

"She felt it when she was asked the question and saved herself," Noel Murless said. "The horse had to be 110 per cent to win a Classic and I reckoned she was only 90 per cent." Eddery completed a four-time during the afternoon and rounded off a great day to endure a further 10 minutes of uncertainty.

over-reacting behaviour, when on hearing the result of the photograph he jumped from his mount and hugged the stable's head-lad John Davies, gave connections of the runner-up technical grounds for an objection. But Benny Schmidt-Bodmer, who owns Even Top, has decided not to pursue that course.



Classic Eddery... Pat Eddery (star on cap) drives home Bosra Sham in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket yesterday

Kempton with TV form

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Newcastle

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Doncaster runners and riders

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Racing

Crumpton Hill to bring Jubilee joy for Graham

Ron Cox

WITH around 30 horses under his care at his Crumpton Stables, Neil Graham is one of those Newmarket trainers whose efforts all too often go unnoticed in the face of stier opposition from the town's major players.



Paul Eddery... double bid



Jack Berry... back in form

Desert Green was an impressive three lengths winner of this race last year, and even off a 10lb higher mark should be thereabouts again.

Successful six times in Town Moor sprints, Amron ran his best race for some time when sixth of 16 behind So Intrepid at Leicester nine days ago.

Should be hard to beat in the European Handicap Group Handicap. Having his first run for Brian Moutkar last time, General Moutkar seems to have benefited from a change of stables and it is significant that Willie Carson keeps the ride.

Southwell National Hunt card

- 3.30 Lyonesse Art, 3.30 Lynette Gold, 3.30 Sea Breaker... 4.00 Governor Daniel, 4.30 Oliver-J, 5.00 Rockstar

Ludlow (N.H.)

- 3.30 Kestrel, 3.30 Feather, 3.35 Poppa... 4.05 Take A Flyer, 4.35 Bertone, 5.05 Mithraswald

Exeter (N.H.)

- 2.00 Leonard Lass, 2.30 Herford Lass, 2.50 The Nine Caplars... 4.30 Breeze, 4.35 Breeze, 4.40 Breeze

Fontwell (N.H.)

- 2.00 Leonard's Mill, 2.00 Diamond Cut, 2.00 Jimmy The Jackdaw... 4.00 Fontwell Handicap

Towcester (N.H.)

- 2.30 Logic, 2.30 Royal Golf, 2.30 Cate Rose... 4.30 Royal Golf

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Sport in brief

Payne battles back to win against odds

JIM PAYNE returned to the ranks of golf's European Tour champions yesterday, 18 months after fearing that a serious back injury would end his career.

Todd reply is perfectly blunt

IN ONE of the tightest finishes in recent years New Zealand's dual Olympic champion Mark Todd, on Easter Monday, achieved his third Epsom triumph to collect the Mitsubishi Motors Trophy yesterday with one of very few clear rounds in the final showjumping test.

Leapfrog by Sanchez Vicario

ARANTXA SANCHEZ VICARIO moved into tennis's world No. 2 spot, displacing Conchita Martinez, after coming from behind to beat her Spanish compatriot in the final of the women's clay-court tournament in Hamburg.

Dodson's labours not lost

ADRIAN DODSON laboured to a stoppage victory over John Bosco Ugodna, the last-minute replacement for the Mexican veteran Jorge Vega, to retain his World Boxing Organisation Intercontinental light-middleweight title in Dagblom, the referee stopping the fight after 1min 42sec of the seventh round.

Hockey

Britain battered

GRINDSTONE, under a furious ride from Jerry Bailey, gave D Wayne Lukars a record sixth consecutive training success in the American Triple Crown race when winning Saturday's 122nd Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs by a nose from Cavonnier.

Pat Rowley

AUSTRALIA almost repeated their 6-0 battering of Britain at the Barcelona Olympics when they crushed David Whitaker's team 5-0 on the second day of the Asian Shah tournament at Ipoh in central Malaysia.

Rugby League

Super League: Leeds 20, London 27

LEEDS were out of their skins as London 27 beat them 27-20 in the first game of the Super League season and it all went spectacularly wrong again at Headingley yesterday.

Fans vote with their feet as Leeds go from bad to worse

LITTLE has gone right for Leeds in their first Super League season and it all went spectacularly wrong again at Headingley yesterday. For a side trying desperately to climb out of the relegation zone, the loss of two points was bad enough. It was the manner they were given away, though, that their supporters found hard to stomach.

There were touchdowns also for Cummins and Mercer, and Leeds looked beyond catching. Gill's smartly taken try just before the interval was a filip for the Broncos but hardly suggested the shocks to come.



Motor Racing

Heavy-duty Hill scores clever win

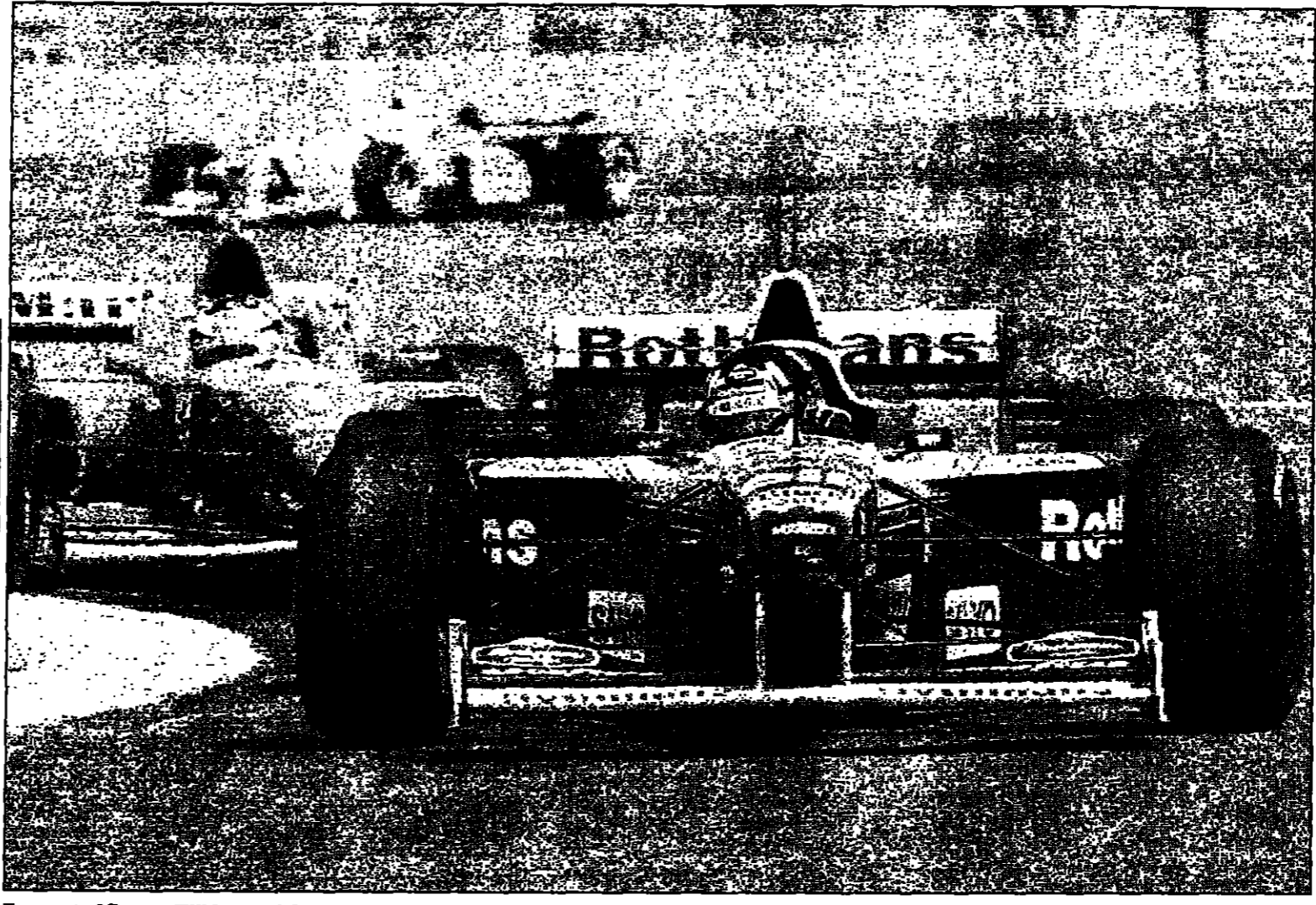
Alan Henry at Imola sees Williams extend their unbeaten run

DAEMON HILL won the San Marino Grand Prix in fine style here yesterday with a superbly disciplined drive that earned him the Nürburgring a week ago.

His Williams took the chequered flag 16.4sec ahead of Michael Schumacher's Ferrari. Gerhard Berger's Benetton was third, with Eddie Irvine fourth in the second Ferrari.

had qualified in pole position. Hill had to take it easy on the brakes at this stage but his refuelling stops on laps 3 and 50 of the 61-lap contest were relatively small, giving his car maximum agility to lap his competitors.

Schumacher's early strategy was slightly hampered by Coulthard, who for the second successive weekend made a brilliant start. The Scot led until his first refuelling stop, at the end of lap 20.



Four out of five... Hill leaves Schumacher in his slipstream at Imola and widens his lead in the Formula One championship

Pointed answer to Ferrari blessing

Richard Williams on the proven mettle and complications of Britain's top driver

THE LOCAL voodoo was running at full throttle. In Imola's Piazza Matteotti stood the very first Ferrari, the graceful 815 sports model raced by Alberto Ascari in the 1940 Mille Miglia.

None of it worked. And as Damon Hill stood on the podium acknowledging the applause for a convincing victory over the entire Italian nation plus Michael Schumacher, it was clear that he felt he had done more than merely win another race.

It should be pointed out that the instinct for getting yourself into the right team is as much a part of being a champion driver as the ability to drive at the limit for an hour and a half.

Hill has his limitations but he has learned to operate within them. He has also had his good luck but he has worked for it. This season's wins are the reward for diligence, patience and planning, to which his contribution has been vital.

and chip supper on Monday night and I saw some of them then." There was no answering warmth. Even after four wins in five races this season, or five of the last six counting Adelaide at the tail end of 1995, he is not entirely at ease with his success.

Weekend results

Soccer

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

Table of FA Carling Premiership results for the weekend of May 4-6, 1996. Includes teams like Arsenal, Liverpool, Manchester United, and their respective scores.

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Table of Football Champions League results for the weekend of May 4-6, 1996. Includes teams like Bayern Munich, Juventus, and their respective scores.

ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE

Table of Endsleigh League results for the weekend of May 4-6, 1996. Includes teams like Barnet, Brentford, and their respective scores.

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Table of Women's Football League results for the weekend of May 4-6, 1996. Includes teams like Arsenal, Chelsea, and their respective scores.

BASEBALL

Table of Baseball league results for the weekend of May 4-6, 1996. Includes teams like Cleveland Indians, New York Yankees, and their respective scores.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

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Snooker

Hendry off to a slow start

PETER EBDON exploited a subdued and error-prone performance by Stephen Hendry to lead 4-3 after the first session of their best-of-35-frames final of the Embassy World Championship at the Crucible Theatre here yesterday.

Until an 83 in the final frame of the afternoon the defending champion's highest break was a modest 38. Ebdon played solidly, making breaks of 79 and 80, but had cause to reflect that he should have been more than one frame ahead at the interval.

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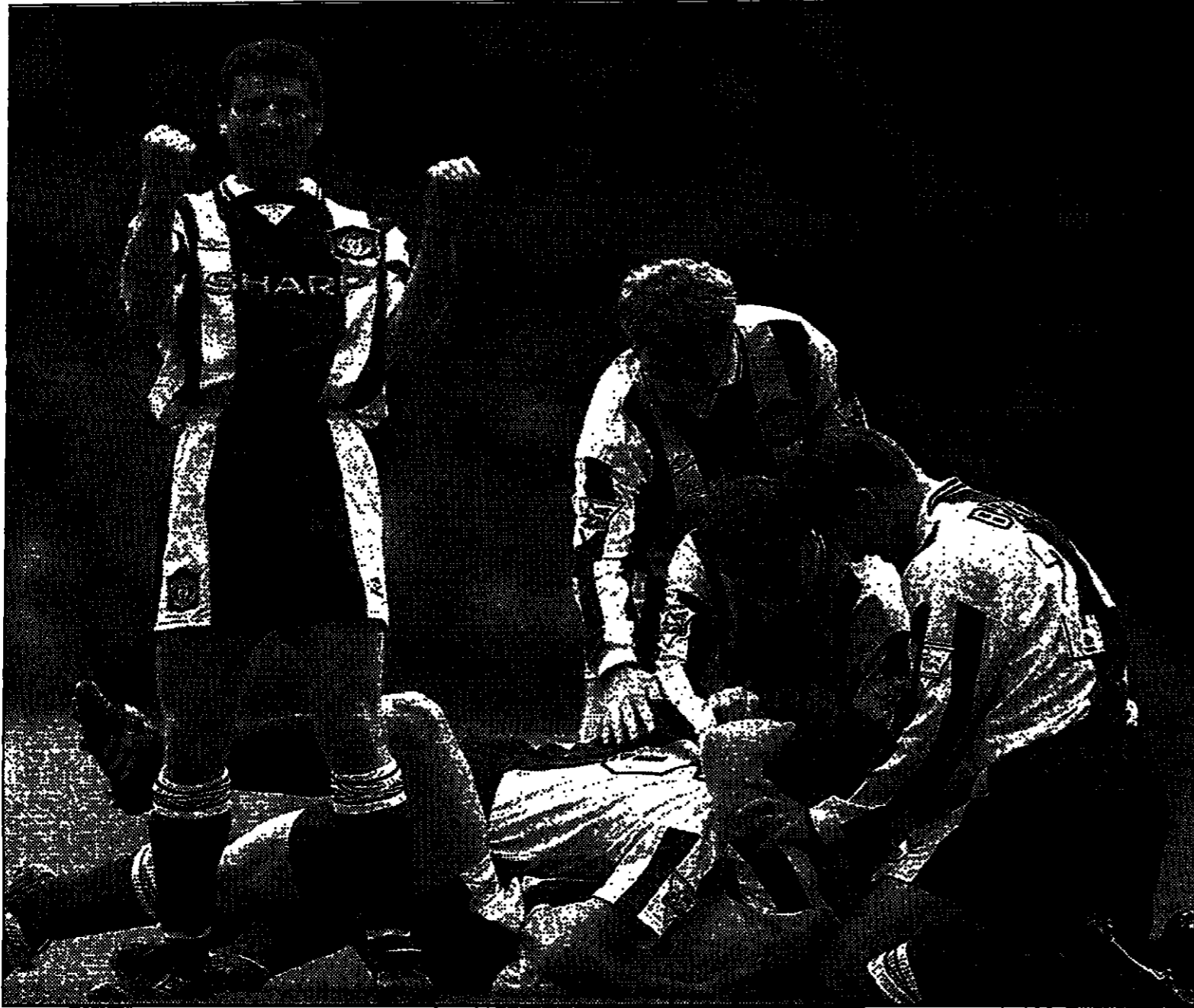
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# Sports Guardian

## MANCHESTER UNITED TAKE THE LEAGUE TITLE WITH A FLOURISH OF GOALS

Premiership: Middlesbrough 0, Manchester United 3

# Reds sail towards a historic double



May day... Irwin punches the air in delight after David May, mobbed by other United players, scores their opening goal

David Lacey

**H**ISTORY beckons Manchester United. Now only Liverpool stand between Alex Ferguson's team and a unique second Double, the first of which they achieved only two years ago.

After a fitful first half at the Riverside Stadium yesterday Old Trafford's third Premiership title in four seasons was clinched with something to spare. They meet Liverpool at Wembley on Saturday.

For a time Middlesbrough, refusing to be cowed by either the occasion or an early goal from David May, threatened to spoil United's day. But then Andy Cole came off the bench early in the second half to score with his first touch before Ryan Giggs completed another day of triumph for Ferguson with another memorable goal.

So the team that trailed Newcastle United by 12 points in late January has won the championship for the 10th time, equalling Arsenal's total. Now only Liverpool, with their 18 titles, have won it more often.

Administrative red tape had lined up a replica of the Premiership trophy for Manchester United yesterday — something to do with the hypothetical logistics of a home triumph on Tyneside. No matter: there was no doubting the real champions.

Peter Schmeichel, probably rightly, thought that the 1996 championship, United's first for 26 years, had been more exciting "because the folks had waited so long for it". Yet this time the moment surely carried more meaning.

Eight of the United players who appeared yesterday are under 25; three are 21 and Phil Neville is still 19. "They've stayed in the swimming pool all the time," said Ferguson, "which says a lot for them."

Next season, then, Manchester United will enter the Champions' League with youth on their side and virtually free of foreign restrictions. Moreover, they have won the league with a new surge reminiscent of Liverpool at the height of their powers. Since losing 4-1 at Tottenham on January 1, they have won 13 games out of 16 and drawn two.

Newcastle simply could not keep up the pace. Having established their 12-point lead, they then dropped 21 out of the next 46. By contrast United allowed only another five points to slip away.

Yesterday's victory, though convincing in the end, was far from a formality. "There's

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only one Bryan Robson," the United fans chanted politely, but Robson's Middlesbrough side made his old team work hard for a win which in the end they did not need.

May's goal, after 13 minutes, exploited the nervousness Middlesbrough had already shown at corners. The centre-back met Giggs's swerving centre with a sharp downward header that beat Gary Walsh while Branco could only help the ball into the net.

The goal settled any lingering nerves among Ferguson's players. Cox having given them severe palpitations in the opening minute by heading Juninho's centre just wide. Yet Juninho's sudden dashes at the defence still unsettled United.

That Middlesbrough did not draw level was due to a mixture of excellent defending by May and a little luck. After 24 minutes Barby, timing his leap well, beat the advancing Schmeichel to a long ball from Pearson and flicked it towards an unguarded goal. Riverside and Tyneside must have groaned in unison as the ball bounced the wrong side of the near post.

Barby then missed a more straightforward opportunity. Again Juninho created the chance, and last autumn Barby would have found the net with his eyes closed. But now, off balance, he put the ball well wide.

With Schmeichel dropping on a header from Mustoe and Floroff beginning to cause problems, there appeared to be more than a flicker of life left in the championship. In the event the issue remained in doubt no longer than the eight minutes that elapsed before Ferguson brought on Cole for his extra pace.

What on earth was the Manchester United manager playing at? Surely Scholes was more fundamental to his needs, one thought. Thirty seconds later Cantona nodded on Giggs's corner and Cole, showing the predatory instincts which had persuaded Ferguson to buy him, beat Walsh with an overhead shot.

The rest was academic until Giggs provided the perfect embellishment. Gathering a pass from Butt on the left, the Welshman made space as a matter of routine before dispatching a left-footed shot of typical audacity past Walsh.

"Stick to selling Sugar Puffs, Kev," sang a Manchester United banner. For Ferguson, victory over Liverpool at Wembley on Saturday would be sweeter still.

Middlesbrough: Walsh; Victoria, Pearson, Whyte, Cox, Pollack (Stamp, Flynn), Juninho, Mustoe, Branco (Morris, 7), Barby, Floroff.  
Manchester: Schmeichel; Irwin, May, Pallister, G. Neville, Beckham, Butt, Keane, Giggs, Scholes (Cole, 53), Cantona.  
Referee: P. Durkin (Portland).

Winners and losers	
<b>CHAMPIONS</b>	Manchester United
<b>RUNNERS-UP</b>	Newcastle United
<b>EUROPE</b>	Man Utd, Newcastle, Liverpool, Aston Villa, Arsenal
<b>RELEGATED</b>	Manchester City, QPR, Bolton Wanderers
<b>CHAMPIONS</b>	Sunderland
<b>PROMOTED</b>	Derby County
<b>PLAY-OFFS</b>	Charlton v Crystal Palace, Leicester v Stoke
<b>FIRST LEG</b>	May 12, Second leg May 15, Final May 27
<b>RELEGATED</b>	Luton, Millwall, Westford
<b>CHAMPIONS</b>	Swindon Town
<b>PROMOTED</b>	Oxford United
<b>PLAY-OFFS</b>	Bradford v Blackpool, Craws v Notts County
<b>FIRST LEG</b>	May 12, Second leg May 15, Final May 26
<b>RELEGATED</b>	Hull, Brighton, Swans, York or Carlisle
<b>CHAMPIONS</b>	Preston
<b>PROMOTED</b>	Gillingham, Bury
<b>PLAY-OFFS</b>	Colchester v Plymouth, Hereford v Darlington
<b>FIRST LEG</b>	May 12, Second leg May 15, Final May 25
<b>BOTTOM</b>	Torquay

### Fans clash at Highfield Road

**H**OOIGANISM marred the final day of the domestic league soccer season. Mounted police separated rival supporters at the end of Coventry City's 0-0 draw with Leeds which preserved the Midland club's 28-year stay in the top division and helped relegate Manchester City from the Premiership.

Fights broke out when some 600 fans spilled on to the pitch at the end of the game. The FA is expected to investigate.

And at Ipswich, Millwall fans vented their frustration

by throwing seats on to the pitch at the end of another goalless draw which sent the Londoners down to the Second Division.

The incidents followed riots at Brighton and Hull City during the last nine days, bad news for the game's authorities a month before the European Championship begins in England.

Arsenal secured the final UEFA Cup place, late goals by David Platt and Dennis Bergkamp helping beat Bolton 2-1.

Final reckoning, page 14

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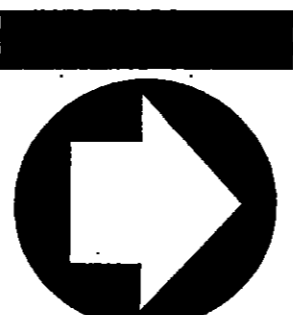
Trees from tropical rainforests are not used to make newspapers. The woodpulp used to make newspapers comes from softwood trees from well-managed forests in Canada, Northern Europe, Scandinavia and the UK.

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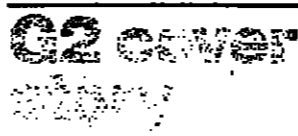
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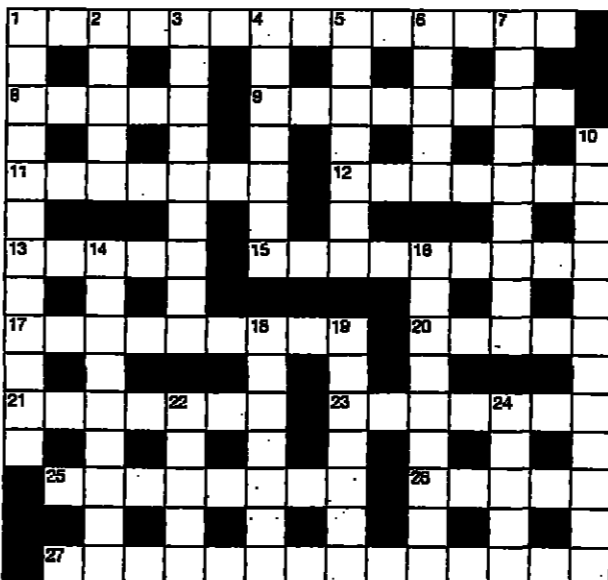


Wherever two or more priests are gathered over a drink, a favoured topic of conversation is who will be promoted to be a bishop. Unholy as such flirtations are, the ubiquitous debate is generally as harmless and off-the-mark as a Today programme racing tip. However, the vacancy currently setting clerical tongues wagging has prompted more sober and fearful talk.



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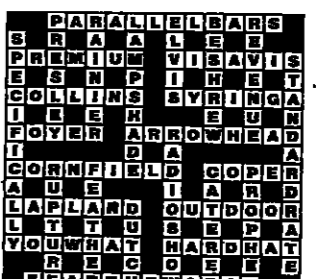


#### Across

- 1 At present, frequently having no puff, Albert is one character of 1 down, 12 (4,2,4,4)
- 8 Go a bit over the top about oriental book (5)
- 9 Exercises in a Roman county such as Durham (8)
- 11 No finer composition was entertainingly towering (7)
- 12 see 1 down
- 13 Theatre doctor to be first person to introduce aromatherapy... (5)
- 15 ... the quality of healing that calmed one in labour (9)
- 17 Two points to pitch in Urns Minor (5,4)
- 20 Fortune teller's "thank you" for moonshine (5)
- 21 Name of Republican manipulator (7)
- 23 The ear was indeed swamped! (7)

#### Down

- 1,12 Now, when will this tide turn to 27's classic? (3,4,2,3,7)
- 2 A dunderhead aspires to be snooty (5)
- 3 Dilly-dally from start to finish over careworn stretch (9)
- 4 Make fast the Irishman raised to the bar (3,4)
- 5 Admitted not a penny had been paid (7)
- 6 Mean dwelling lost value in the square as a lodging (5)
- 7 The farmer is below, in the passage on the right (9)



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This week's winners of a Collins English Dictionary are Jim McBrearty of Haverronwest, Dyfed, L. M. Robinson of Dalbeattie, Girvan, Brightshire, Mrs. J. M. Broome of St. Leonards, Sussex, Mrs. D. C. Mellors of London, N12, and Chris Biggs of Mossleyhill, Liverpool.

- 10 It's said to prove the rule for seated social workers (8,4)
- 14 The nose valve in a combustion engine (3,6)
- 16 Spies caught a nipper in Spain (9)
- 18 Rome convert in explosive Harrow (7)
- 19 No wet took part in glad refrain composed to be sung at conference (8,4)
- 22 Burdened Hutton when given notice (5)
- 24 Italian water policed by Dublin? (5)

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